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Portfolio

There were two winners in the Times Portfolio competition yesterday. Mr Jeffrey Davie of Luton and Mr Neil Davey of Bradford each received £3,000. The total prize money was £6,000 because no one won on Tuesday and Wednesday. Portfolio list, page 22; how to play, Information Service, back page.

Tomorrow £42,000 can be won. The weekly prize of £20,000 is doubled because no one won last week, and to it is added the daily £2,000 prize

Reagan vow to win aid battle

President Reagan, stung by Congress's total rejection of his Nicaraguan Aid Bill, last night pledged to return "again and again" to Capitol Hill to get aid for the rebel Contras fighting the Sandinista regime. Mr George Shultz, Secretary of State, said the Contras were "struggling to save Nicaragua from the fate of Cuba, South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos."

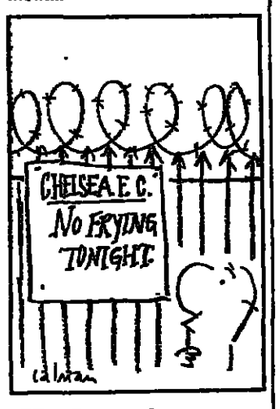
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One Palestinian was reported killed when Lebanese Air Force jets strafed a refugee camp near Sidon after Palestinan guerrillas had stormed a Lebanese Christian suburb Page 7

£1,391 Tory bill

The Conservative Party has received a £1,391 bill from Loughborough University for damage caused at the annual conference of the Federation of Conservative Students last month.



Chelsea fence

Chelsea Football Club has given a pledge not to turn on its controversial electric fence, aimed at keeping fans off the pitch, at their match on Saturday Page 3

Times award

Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor of *The Times* has been chosen as Financial Journalist of the Year by the trustees of The Wincott Foundation. She is the first women to receive the important Wincott award, made annually since 1970.

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Treasury tactic stalls Cabinet welfare reform

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Key Cabinet discussions on the future shape of the welfare state stalled suddenly yesterday when Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, blocked a classic attempt by Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to seize the initiative and look for fresh savings.

The evidence is that ministers are almost ready to agree on a mass of complex decisions which they hope to announce next month.

With extensive recasting of the benefits system, and cuts expected in such sensitive areas as housing and child benefit, they face heavy political attack and until yesterday had hoped to be able to weather it the better by appearing wholly united.

Instead yesterday's events brought embarrassment and instant opposition scorn. Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Party laeder, spoke of a "foul-up" and a panic and disagreement among ministers.

Mr Lawson and his officials appear to have tried to "bounce" Mr Fowler, by methods long refined in the Treasury, by circulating to Cabinet ministers late on Tuesday night a paper for yesterday's meeting.

The contents are not known, but it reopened more than one detailed matter on which provisional agreement had been reached by the Cabinet committee which, since January, has been co-ordinating the results of four separate studies into different areas of pensions and benefits which Mr Fowler set in train more than a year ago.

Because Mr Fowler's brief yesterday was to give his colleagues a long and detailed presentation of what some ministers have called a new Beveridge plan, a task for which he had prepared meticulously, the treasury's eleventh-hour objections appeared to several ministers to be "below the belt".

Memories were awakened of Mr Lawson's famous request in July 1983, within a month of his appointment as Chancellor, for

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emergency expenditure cuts to the tune of £500m, of which his fellows first learnt from *The Times* on the morning they assembled. That was a "bounce" for which several have not yet forgiven him.

Tuesday's attempt seemed the more impudent because the Chancellor had been a member of the co-ordinating committee, chaired by the Prime Minister, which had thoroughly covered the ground.

Mr Fowler appears to have toyed with capitalizing on his colleagues' sympathy, but decided to prepare a careful response to carefully-reasoned objections.

On Wednesday night he saw the Prime minister and asked to have the discussion postponed for a week. He could hardly have been refused.

Although the maturing of the Government's plans has been kept a close secret, yesterday's events confirmed the impression that Mr Fowler, the central figure, has also been dominant.

The right of the Conservative Party has seen the social security reviews as giving plentiful scope for expenditure savings.

Mr Fowler and the welfare lobby on the backbenches, have seen them rather as long-over-due structural reforms, of which the prime objective is to direct abailable resources with the greatest efficiency to areas of greatest need.

Mr Kinnock had no difficulty in visiting yesterday's embarrassments on Mrs Margaret Thatcher. "She always wants to do too much, poke her nose ineverywhere, be the boss. She undermines the confidence of her colleagues and demonstrates her own diability. They have got themselves into a twist.

Not without satisfaction, Mr Kinnock added: "I think they might get the worst of both worlds."

At Question Time in the Commons, Mr Kinnock suggested that, because the welfare review had been taking place for 13 months, the postponement of Cabinet discussion had far more to do with the forthcoming county council elections.

The Prime Minister gave nothing away when asked by one Conservative to end the state earnings-related pension scheme, and to apply the savings to the basic pension. That is one matter the Cabinet has to resolve.

Mrs Thatcher replied that there were problems with any scheme run on a pay-as-you-go basis.



Dr William Robertson (left), from California and Mr Alexander Silvashko, from Minsk, re-living the historic meeting.

US, Soviet veterans meet again

From Frank Johnson
Torgau, on the Elbe

Americans and Russians who met here so famously in 1945 were united again in the town yesterday.

It was 40 years to the day since they took part in the event which, for once, it is correct to call epoch-making, since the meeting of the US and the Soviet Union here at this little riverside town in East Germany did indeed make our epoch.

They actually accomplished what a mere thinker such as de Tocqueville could only theorize about 100 years before, and which various European statesman feared might happen in the end: the division of the old continent between the US and Russia.

The similarity between Americans and Russians has been remarked on before. But with their hugging and their toasting, and their talk of children and grandchildren, these old soldiers had more in common with one another than with the wary German townspeople looking on.

One of the two Germanies which arose out of the youthful meeting of these elderly men had allowed us Westerners within its borders to look on too. The red flag flew all along the road from Leipzig, sometimes with the red, black and gold of Marx's fellow German communists.

Slogans on trees, walls and rooftops exhorted us along the way. The main lesson from the Second World War was to "make peace secure" one said in English. "Peace and rest to the heroes of the Soviet Union," another said in German, referring to the war dead.

At Torgau, from among the crowds of dependable party members down by the river, sprouted: "We support the peace initiative of Gorbachov."

The old soldiers arrived from the local townhall. So too did a large number of younger soldiers from the local Warsaw pact.

Two of the Americans laid a wreath. One of them Mr Peter Sitnik, from Alexandria, Virginia, called out to a Russian soldier of the present generation to come into the pictures as Nato, Warsaw Pact and neutral camera crews swarmed around, falling over one another like camera crews of all ideologies.

This modern Russian was very large and very impassive. He appeared to confirm the theory of many Western analysts of the Soviet Army that very few decisions are allowed to the initiative of its individual officers.

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Gorbachov tribute to wartime allies

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, yesterday paid tribute to American and Russian ex-servicemen for "joining hands across the Elbe" 40 years on, and called for constructive co-operation between the former wartime allies, including Britain, America, Russia and China.

But with East-West relations already at a low ebb because of "tit for tat" spy expulsions, the shooting of an American officer in East Germany and the lack of progress on arms control at Geneva, a new row has broken out over Western attendance at *the VE Day parade in Moscow* in two weeks' time.

Mr Vladimir Lomeiko, the Soviet Government spokesman, yesterday accused Western governments of seeking excuses not to attend the Soviet celebrations marking the fortieth anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany. Senior Western diplomats in Moscow said they had received no formal invitation to the parade, which is to have a strong military character, and had sought clarification of what the ceremonies would involve before deciding whether to take part. Mr Lomeiko insisted that invitations had been issued.

Mr Lomeiko also accused the US of rewriting the history of the Second World War and of belitling Russia's role. He denied that Soviet preparations for Victory Day had a militaristic and anti-Western character or were aimed at West Germany in particular.

Asked if Russia would be represented at the VE Day memorial service in Westminster Abbey, Mr Lomeiko said this and other questions relating to the anniversary would not be answered until May 6, two days before VE Day in Britain, when the Soviet Defence Ministry would hold a rare press conference.

Western embassies in Moscow yesterday received invitations to a wreath-laying *ceremony on May 8, but had* still not been given details of the Kremlin celebration meeting on the evening of May 8 or the parade on May 9.

Mr Gorbachov yesterday sent a message to the Soviet and American war veterans meeting at Torgau to commemorate their emotional link-up on the Elbe in 1945. The "handshake", the message said, was a "symbol of hope and friendship", and Russia wanted to pay tribute to its wartime allies – including Britain and America – for their "weighty contribution" to the war and the sacrifices the Western allies had made to "dispel the gloom of enslavement and tyranny."

The Soviet leader, who was a boy of 10 when Hitler invaded Russia, said the present gener-

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Transport union orders new poll

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

Leaders of the Transport and General Worker's Union last night ordered a re-run of its controversial ballot for a new general secretary, using up the same voting system but with tighter controls, after an appeal by Mr Ron Todd, the general secretary-elect, to clear the "poisonous" cloud hanging over the union.

The executive council of the union decided on the re-run in a 31-5 vote at the end of a five-hour debate. The new ballot will take place over a four-week period in May and June, and the five cadidates who took part in the first election for the post in spring last year, will be asked if they want to stand again.

However, it is virtually certain that the new vote will be a two-horse race between Mr Todd, who has the support of the left, and Mr George Wright, the Welsh regional secretary, who is backed by the *right, and who made the* original call for a new vote after allegations of election irregularities were made.

Last night left-wingers were predicting that Mr Todd's call for a new vote would stand him in good stead when balloting begins and claimed that *at least* three of the union's powerful regional secretaries, who supported Mr Wright last year indicated that they would switch their allegiance this time to Mr Todd.

He dismissed media allegations of ballot rigging during the election, in which Mr Todd beat Mr Wright by the comparatively narrow margin of 45,000 votes, and said that the complaints concerning 28 branches were found by the executive to be groundless.

In a letter to the union's executive Mr Todd said: "I am convinced that the only answer to recent events to which the union has been subjected lies in a clear vindication of the reputation of our union. It is my view that there is no other course other than to hold a new ballot which would achieve what is more important than individual ambition, and that is the reputation and standing of our union."

The aim is to complete the ballot before the union's biennial delegate conference

Ballot timetable

Election notices to be sent out immediately to district officials with a tear-off slip for return by Freepost to acknowledge receipt.
Full-page newspaper advertisements to be placed on April 29 and 30.
"Good robust ballot boxes" to be delivered from manufacturer by May 1.
Boxes delivered to branches by May 3.
Voting to be held May 13 to June 7.
Regional count to start on June 12.
Election returns to be delivered to Transport House on June 14.
Election announcement June 15.

Pupils in 'strike' arrested

By Colin Hughes

Several thousand school *pupils yesterday deserted their* desks to join demonstrations against "Youth Training Scheme conscription" called by a Labour Party Young Socialists and Militant Tendency-led organization.

Children were arrested in several areas when the protest rallies, planned for around 40 towns and cities, turned into minor riots. At the House of Commons a political row over the half-day "school students' strike" continued, with Militant Tendency MPs accusing Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, of betraying the pupils' aims.

Mr Kinnock condemned the protest as being organized by "a bunch of daffies". Mr David Nellist, Labour MP for Coventry South East, a Militant supporter, and honorary president of the Young Socialist's youth group, said that Mr Kinnock was "in danger of making the same mistake about the anger and frustration of school students this year as he made about the miners last year".

The strongest support for the action was in Liverpool, where *4,000 pupils marched to the* city's Pier Head to be addressed by another Militant-supporting Labour MP, Mr Terry Fields.

In Cardiff and Manchester 1,000 pupils marched in each city, without trouble, but in Bradford, where organizers had predicted a 5,000 turnout, only 300 pupils turned up.

At Caerphilly, Mid-Glamorgan, 300 children from St Ilan comprehensive ran through streets throwing stones, and at Reading, Berkshire, 41 children were arrested

However, a spokesman for the Youth Trade Union Rights Campaign, the Militant-backed group which helped sponsor the strike, last night claimed that 200,000 children had joined

Mr John Biffen, leader of the House of Commons, rejected Liberal and Social Democrat calls for an emergency debate on the action, but called it a "most bizarre and deplorable episode". **Right equation, page 2**

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National Coal Board gets £2bn subsidy

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Government announced yesterday grants of £2 billion to the National Coal Board to cover the cost of the one-year miners' strike and to meet running costs until the end of 1987-88, when the board has said that it will break even.

The board is now drawing up a new strategy, which will be submitted to the Department of Energy for approval.

The grants, announced in the Commons by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, consist of £1.2 billion to cover costs during the strike and £800 million to pay for repairs and running costs until the end of the 1987 financial year.

The total amount is the maximum that the Government can award without changing the Coal Industry Act, 1980. If the final cost of the strike is less than £1.2 billion the balance will be added to the £800 million and be used for new investment.

The announcement is likely to anger many Conservative MPs because it extends the period in which subsidies can be paid by a further year and suggests that restructuring costs will not be met by any part-privatization of the coal-industry.

A clear indication that redundancies in the industry will continue is contained in the announcement that a further £1.8 billion is being set aside for the redundant Mineworkers Payments scheme and the concessionary coal payments scheme.

The period covered by the redundancy scheme has been extended to the end of March 1987 and the present limit of £400 million on total pit closure grant payments can now be increased to £450 million, if necessary by order of Parliament.

The board's break-even target by the end of 1987-88 is based on a revitalization of the industry in the new Yorkshire pits and close those planned in Leicestershire, and on the high-productivity pits in areas which kept working during the dispute.

The Government and the board will also re-emphazize that supplies to industrial customers were maintained during the strike.

Mr David Hunt, Minister responsible for coal, will continue to promote the coal conversion scheme. During the dispute the 800 companies which had planned to convert from oil-burning to coal dwindled to fewer than 200, but in the past five weeks many have revived their plans.

Figures issued by the Department of Energy show that during the last three months of the strike coal use in Britain was just under 60 per cent of normal levels.

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BL and Honda link could become partnership

Proposals for extending the collaboration between BL and Honda of Japan, including an equity stake for the Japanese have been put to the Government (Edward Townsend writes).

BL's involvement with Honda is the central issue in talks at the Department of Trade and Industry on the latest BL corporate plan.

BL is believed to have put forward several proposals after recent detailed discussions with Honda, which include the joint development of new models as well as BL production of Honda cars for export to other European Community markets.

A decision on the future direction of the BL/Honda partnership has taken on new urgency after this week's announcement by Nissan on union recognition rights at its new factory at Washington, Tyne and Wear.

Nissan could be producing 200,000 cars a year in Britain before the end of the decade, and Honda will want to establish its EEC foothold as soon as possible.

Bitburg visit criticized by Thatcher

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister surprised MPs yesterday with direct criticism of President Reagan's controversial plan to visit the German military cemetary at Bitburg, where SS members are buried.

The Commons surprise was increased because Mrs Thatcher chose publicly to align herself with Mr David Winnick, left wing Labour MP for Walsall North, and against the President

Mr Winnick asked the Prime Minister whether she would tell the President "that for him to visit a cemetary in Germany where SS mass murderers are buried is not only deeply insulting and offensive to the memory of their victims, but is no less insulting and offensive to all those who fought in the last war to destroy the Nazi tyranny".

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Maxwell Mirror plans to take on Eddie Shah

By Patience Wheatcroft

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher of Mirror Group Newspapers, has announced that there must be drastic changes at *The Mirror* if it is to compete with the new daily paper to be launched later this year by Mr Eddie Shaw, who two years ago went into a prolonged battle with the National Graphical Association and eventually won.

Mr Maxwell's plans involve the possible contracting out of the *Mirror's* printing to another of his companies, British Printing & Communication Corporation, should the *Mirror* unions not agree to his cuts in overheads.

Mr Maxwell believes that the costs for Mr Shah's new newspaper will be 80 per cent below those of the *Mirror*. "We have to take him seriously and we have to compete," he says.

As a strategic move in that competition, BPCC is to buy the huge Withy Grove printing works in Manchester. Originally it had been planned that MGN would buy the plant but now Mr Maxwell has decided that if BPCC owns the plant it would be possible for him to bypass any problems at the *Mirror's* Holborn headquarters and contract out the printing to BPCC in Manchester. The *Mirror* already prints some editions in Manchester and those will be contracted out later this year.

As part of the programme for modernizing production of the *Daily Telegraph* and the *Sunday Telegraph*, the company expects to pay up to £38 million to cut employees and buy out outmoded printing practices. The *Daily Telegraph* is ready to up to £45,000 per employee to reduce manning. It has reached agreement with the NGA and Sogat '82 to end piece work and other high earnings arrangements in the composing room for lump sums.

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In his determination to keep up the *Mirror's* Circulation, against the threat from Mr Shah, Mr Maxwell is also introducing colour presses to the *Mirror*. "We will have them before he does," Mr Maxwell insists. "We will invest whatever it takes. The *Mirror* is not short of money."

MGN is owned entirely by Pergamon Press which is in turn owned by a private Liechtenstein trust, the subject of much recent speculation. Mr Maxwell will not disclose the beneficiaries of the trust although they are listed as certain charities and relations of the grandparents of Mr and Mrs Maxwell. They are beneficiaries of an extremely wealthy trust.

Yesterday Pergamon Press reported that its profits last year leapt by 62 per cent to £54.4 million.

The bulk of that money came from BPCC, in which Pergamon's stake is more than 60 per cent. Mr Maxwell combined the announcement of the figures with another takeover bid, this time for the Solicitors' Law Stationery Society. He plans to put the company, valued at around £4 million, into another of his enterprises, Hollis ESA, another quoted company in which Pergamon is the majority shareholder with a nearly 80 per cent stake.

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Health authorities must cut 2,000 more posts and plan £150m savings

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Health authorities in England are to cut another 2,000 jobs this year after a reduction of 11,400 posts in 1983 and a freeze on the manpower target in the financial year just ended.

Authorities are now expected to produce efficiency savings of about £150 million his year, against last year's £100 million, and Mr Victor Paige, chairman of the National Health Service management board, said that most regions have had their own submissions for manpower targets in the coming year approved.

But five regions, Northern, South West Thames, Wessex, West Midlands and North Western, are being allowed fewer staff than they asked for, and in the four Thames regions more than 3,000 jobs look set to go, offset by increases elsewhere.

The Department of Health said last night that four of the five regions which had wanted more staff than the are to be allowed had sought only between 100 and 200 jobs above the figure they have been given. The West Midlands region had wanted slightly more.

But a spokesman for the West Midlands region, which is gaining about 600 posts, said that it had originally wanted another 460 staff on top of that figure.

Mr Paige said that extra resources were being put into priority services and there were signs that productivity throughout the health service would increase. His announcement included plans for 2,250 extra maternity cases in the Trent region, 12,000 extra attendances at day and rehabilitation services in the West Midlands and 200 more open-heart operations in the North West, with 150 extra renal dialysis cases.

But it came as the British Medical Association's hospital doctors' committee said that increasing numbers of patients and the demand for productivity were lowering standards of care.

It said: "Increasing numbers of patients have resulted in a reduction in the time which doctors have available to treat individuals. If this trend is not reversed it will inevitably lead to a deterioration in the quality of patient care."

Big rises in the numbers of patients treated – 300,000 more in-patients in 1983 with 850,000 more outpatients and 100,000 more day cases – were not being matched by a similar rise in consultants numbers, the committee said.

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Region	Target
Northern	54,600
Yorkshire	61,200
Trent	76,500
E Anglia	30,100
NW Thames	56,200
NE Thames	71,000
SE Thames	68,000
SW Thames	48,200
Wessex	44,700
Oxford	34,500
S Western	59,300
W Midlands	84,600
Mersey	49,700
N Western	75,400
Total	796,000



Ford machinists celebrating their pay and status victory yesterday on the steps of Transport House in London with their union convenor, Mr Bernard Passingham (Photograph: Dod Miller).

Britain's nuclear deal loss explained

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

A Japanese company has confirmed that it withdrew from placing a potentially valuable contract to build a British-designed and manufactured Advanced Gas Cooled (AGR) nuclear power station near Tokyo because of the Central Electricity Generating Board's decision to opt for the American-designed Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) at Sizewell.

The CEGB has consistently said that its adoption of the PWR concept would lead to potential export orders for British companies and that the AGR had no real export potential.

It has now emerged that Fuji Industries of Japan had considered adopting the British AGR design. The Japanese company was particularly impressed by the AGR's suitability for operating in earthquake risk areas.

The Nuclear Power Group, the consortium which built the AGR stations at Hinkley Point in Somerset for the CEGB and at Hunterston in Ayrshire for the South of Scotland Electricity Board – two of the nuclear power stations which have been meeting design targets and which help keep the national grid in operation during the miners' strike – were asked to adapt the design for Japan

However, Fuji Industries has now confirmed that, although a contract was close to being signed, interest in the AGR in Japan evaporated

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Warning of illegal strategy over rates

By Hugh Clayton
Local Government Correspondent

Councils defying the Government over rates may "go illegal and attempt to trigger a crisis in that way," Mr David Blunkett, a deputy chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said yesterday.

He announced that Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Opposition, was to try to break the deadlock between the eight defiant councils and the Government by making an appeal to the Prime Minister for talks.

He said that Labour members of the eight councils might soon face actions that could lead to bankruptcy and disqualification. They had to make sure that the success of their campaign of non-compliance with the Government's spending squeeze was not dissipated in a "shambles."

"There is a general feeling that we may have to change tactics to something like 'deficiting' or that people should 'go illegal'," he said at a press conference.

Mr Blunkett is chairman of the strategy sub-group of the Local Government Information Unit which is coordinating the campaign by the eight. He is also leader of Sheffield City Council, one of the eight councils that are delaying rate-fixing in the hope of winning concessions from ministers.

The others are Liverpool City Council and the London boroughs of Hackney, Camden, Islington, Lambeth, Southwark and Greenwich.

Government attacks committee powers

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

The Government is trying to clamp down on the historic powers of Commons select committees by hampering their investigation of nationalized industries and other public bodies.

In the first direct attack on the select committees' jealously guarded right "to send for persons, papers and records" during inquiries, Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons, has proposed that ministers should in future have the right to stop crucial information, demanded by committees, from being released.

If his plan, which is certain to be fiercely resisted, goes ahead, at least three select committees – trade and industry, energy and transport – will, in practice, be neutered.

Mr Biffen's suggestions, which have dismayed senior committee chairmen and seem likely to result in a constitutional clash, come less than a year after Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was involved in a much publicized and humiliating climbdown over the release of British Shipbuilders' documents.

In July Mr Tebbit personally ordered Mr Grahm Day, chairman of BS, not to hand over crucial papers about the nationalised industry's future to the trade and industry select committee, but the all party committee exerted its wide ranging powers and after frenetic behind the scenes political activity, involving the Prime Minister and the chief whip, Mr Tebbit reluctantly gave way.

But, along with senior Cabinet colleagues, he insisted there should never be a repeat of the incident

Union must vote again on poll cash

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

Leaders of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers union were strongly criticized by their normally moderate national committee for accepting £1 million from the Government for internal ballots and ordered to conduct a fresh poll on whether to accept more cash.

The 122-strong committee voted with one abstention to instruct its 10-man executive to call a new referendum on the issue which follows a 12 to one vote in an earlier ballot accepting money for elections back to 1981.

The executive was ordered by delegates to the annual national committee meeting in Eastbourne to include arguments for and against acceptance of the money on ballot papers.

Ford machinists win new deal

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Ford's 270 sewing machinists were celebrating yesterday after winning a 17-year battle which finally recognizes them as skilled workers – and puts on extra £7 a week into their pockets.

An industrial tribunal yesterday ruled in favor of the machinists, from the Dagenham and Halewood factories, who late last year went on strike for five weeks in pursuit of their claim. The strike cost Ford £20 million.

Ford and the Transport and General Workers' Union, of which the machinists are members, had agreed to abide by the findings of the tribunal, headed by Professor Angela Bowey, of Strathclyde University.

Now Ford faces the possibility of leap-frogging pay claims because the machinists' pay puts them ahead of other skilled workers.

The second largest union at Ford, the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, has said that its skilled members will not be prepared to accept the machinists regrading, although last night Mr James Airlie, the engineering workers' representative on the Ford negotiating body, welcomed the decision.

Any consequent claims for regrading by other skilled workers are unlikely to be tabled before next winter's pay bargaining round. The tribunal award increases the machinists' basic weekly pay to £136.15, with an attendance supplement of £8.49 a week.

Labour's lead in polls boost for shires

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Labour Party's lead over the Conservatives has now been confirmed by all the main polling organizations, and the Prime Minister's personel popularity is at its lowest point since the 1983 general election.

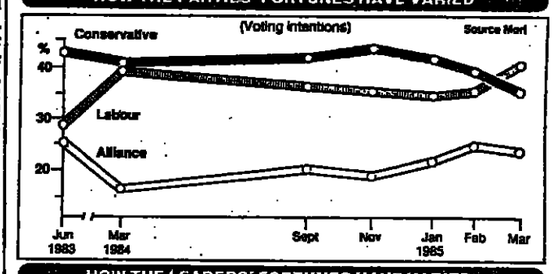
A remarkable turnabout in party fortunes has occurred since the end of the miners' strike, with the lastest polls showing Labour with a lead ranging from 3.5 per cent to 5 per cent over the Tories compared with a four-point deficit in February.

A Gallup poll published in *The Daily Telegraph* yesterday showed the Labour Party on 37.5 per cent, the Conservatives on 34 per cent and the Liberal-SDP Alliance on 26.5 per cent, while the *Guardian*-Marplan index put Labour's support at 38 per cent, the Tories on 33 per cent and the Alliance on 28 per cent, a 5 per cent Labour lead.

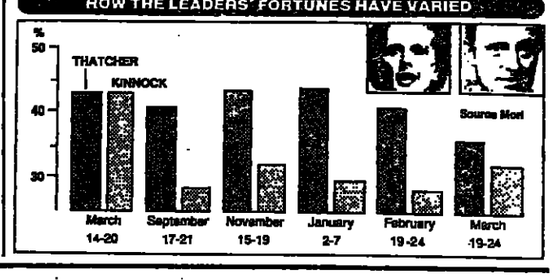
Taken with 4 per cent Labour lead indicated by MORI last month, Labour's leaders now believe they have reason to approach next week's shire county elections with far greater confidence than they could have hoped for two months ago, although it is accepted that they will be defending a high water mark achieved in 1981 before their long period of decline

The solid support indicated for the Alliance in both the Gallup and Marplan polls (they have gained a point) has pleased its leaders.

HOW THE PARTIES' FORTUNES HAVE VARIED



HOW THE LEADERS' FORTUNES HAVE VARIED



Super pit plan for Midlands

From Craig Seton
Coventry

The National Coal Board is considering a new "super pit" in the south Warwickshire countryside west of Coventry to exploit large reserves of coal.

The results of a feasibility study, understood to identify the rural area without giving a preferred location for a new colliery, are expected in the summer.

The board expects considerable local opposition from residents and environmental groups, and anticipates a public inquiry if it decides to go ahead with the scheme.

Explorations in the area over a number of years have revealed reserves estimated at several hundred million tons in what has become known as the "Warwickshire thick coal seam", at places 20ft thick.

Much of the coal can be won from the existing Daw Mill colliery, north-west of Coventry, and by Coventry colliery, to the north of the city. But a new pit, south of Kenilworth, would be needed if the board decided to develop the reserves fully.

A new "super pit" in the area could involve investment of at least £500m at today's prices. It would not be expected to operate until well into the 1990s and could have a lifespan of 70 or more years.

● A High Court judge granted former striking miners in Nottinghamshire, who were expelled from their area union for not paying subscriptions during the pit strike, an interim injunction restoring their union election rights pending a final ruling on the issue next month.



Air ace Nigel is our first man in space

Britain's first man in space will be Squadron Leader Nigel Wood (above), a Royal Air Force test pilot.

He will spend a week aboard the American Space Shuttle next June when a British military communications satellite is launched.

He was selected from a team of three servicemen and one civilian who have been training for the past year.

Squadron Leader Wood will be a "pay-load specialist", acting as adviser to the Mission Commander in relation to the British Skynet-4 satellite. It is hoped that up to six British experiments will also be conducted but they are yet to be approved by the American authorities.

He said yesterday that he was impatient to make the flight.

NEC upsets black activists

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

Labour's national executive was accused by a leading member of the party's black section in Southall, west London, yesterday to trying to create a new form of imperialism.

The party executive decided on Wednesday that the individual qualifications of 688 members of the Ealing Southall constituency's Glebe ward, recruited in the last three months of last year, should be checked by Mr David Hughes, the national agent, and that last January's Glebe branch annual general meeting should be nullified.

But Mr Madhav Patil, secretary of Glebe ward and a leading activist in Labour's black sections campaign, yesterday delivered a scathing attack

Mr Patil, who has been described as one of the main "recruiting sergeants" of Southall, said: "They want us to be submissive and placid activists and allow our white masters to rule us indefinitely.

"It is a kind of new imperialism, and black people must take this very seriously. The right-wing members of the national executive are set to stop and hinder the political progress of the black community in the party. They will fail; time is on our side."

Councils cut teachers and spending

Four out of five education authorities are cutting budgets this year, according to a survey by *The Times Educational Supplement*. Fifty-four of the 104 authorities in England and Wales who responded are to cut spending by about £50 million, 0.8 per cent in real terms.

Some of the biggest proportionate cuts are in Labour-controlled councils, Barnsley and Staffordshire.

The survey authorities reduced teachers by 4,100 in 1984-85 and expect to shed 3,700 posts over the next 12 months.

None the less, 32 authorities are breaching government spending targets by about £120 million.

Most authorities are holding pupil-teacher ratios steady, or make slight improvements, especially in secondary schools where numbers are falling.

Teachers exempt strike areas

The National Union of Teachers decided last night to exempt 10 local authorities from strike action over pay, because they had agreed to sign a declaration supporting the teachers' case. They are Leeds, Newcastle upon Tyne, Cleveland, Dudley, West Glamorgan, Wakefield, Cumbria, Sheffield, Wigan and Tyneside.

Mr Fred Jarvis, the union's general secretary, yesterday accused Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, of lying to the Commons on Tuesday in saying that teachers had refused to discuss the issue of teacher appraisal with him.

Still looking for the right maths equation

By David Lister, *The Times Educational Supplement*

The "revolution" that the Secretary of State for Education, Sir Keith Joseph, heralded this week in school mathematics by giving his blessing to pocket calculators and passing the death sentence on long division logarithms, is the latest in a long line of changes to teaching the subject.

For 20 years children have been learning "new maths", an approach which emphasizes problem solving rather than the rote learning and chanting of multiplication tables which had dominated primary schools since Victorian times.

This has meant that what once the province of university seminars such as sets (the grouping of numbers) and topology (dealing with what happens to shapes when you pull them about) are now taught in primary, and even infant, schools.

As Mr John Rowe, a National Union of Teachers education officer, said yesterday: "Most adults would find a range of topics being explored in mathematics lessons that they have never before encountered".

Despite all the emphasis on decimal place value, a National Foundation for Educational Research report released last week disclosed that most children still do not understand decimals even after studying them for 10 years.

According to Dr Bill Stephenson, lecturer in mathematics at University College, London: "The mathematics community is still deeply concerned about the general lack of numeracy that pertains in schools".

Some educationists believe that rote learning and the chanting of tables which still goes on in many schools, should no longer be a part of mathematics lessons. But Dr Stephenson believes they have a role to play alongside more modern methods.

What is certain is that mathematics in schools is about to undergo a distinct, though probably gradual, change.

Parents' school challenge

A parents' group lobbying for greater educational choice was formally launched at the House of Lords yesterday with news of an impending legal action against Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science (Rupert Morris writes).

The Parental Alliance for Choice in Education (Pace) plans to challenge Sir Keith in the High Court over the recently announced closure of Merrydown School for Boys in south Bristol, on the ground that it is a breach of the Sex Discrimination Act, 1975.

The school, which has 1,000 pupils, received a section 12 closure order from the Department of Education and Science on January 29, despite a 22,000 signature petition from local parents. The neighbouring Merrydown School for Girls remains untouched.

Members of Pace include Mr Norris McWhirter, chairman of the Freedom Association, Baroness Cox, Lord Harris of High Cross, Mr Michael Ivens, Director of Aims of Industry, and Mrs Jessica Douglas-Home.

Left-wing MP faces challenge

Mr Martin Flannery, the prominent left-wing Labour MP for Sheffield, Hillsborough, and former chairman of the Tribune group, faces a strong deselection threat at the hands of his constituency.

His opponent at a meeting of his constituency on June 8 will be another left-winger, Mr Clive Betts, housing chairman of Sheffield council. Party members in Sheffield said yesterday Mr Betts' chances of unseating Mr Flannery were "very strong". Mr Flannery is not seen among local activists as a good constituency MP.

Traditional skills are scarce

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

Skills such as welding and operating sewing machines are as scarce as the more technical ones involving computers, according to the Confederation of British Industry and the Manpower Services Commission.

In a joint study of the manpower requirments of 1,300 companies, the two organizations found that slightly more than one in every ten companies expect output to be constrained in the next four months by a shortage of skilled labour.

Sir Terence Beckett, the CBI director-general, said: "Shortages... and not confined purely to information technology as some experts would have us believe".

The most commonly mentioned occupations in which skilled labour was scarce were in the textile and clothing industries.

Additional costs from National Insurance changes

	per year
Newspaper Pub Ass (Fleet St as a whole)	£13m
IBM	£13m
British Petroleum	£9m
Shell	£7m
Standard Tel & Cables	£4.5m
ICI	£4m
Unilever	£3.5m
Mais Grp	£2m
May & Baker	£750,000
Glynwed Int	£450,000
Norwich Union	£400,000
Equitable Life Ass Soc	£250,000

Source: CBI

Sinclair in advertising complaints

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

For the second time in a year public complaints about the advertising promises of Sir Clive Sinclair have required the Advertising Standards Authority to intervene.

The latest complaints – 17 in all – refer to the claims made by Sinclair Vehicles in its advertisements for the C5 exaggerate its safety features, its aerodynamic design and the benefits of driving it in comparison to an ordinary bicycle.

Sir Clive's computers were the subject of a ruling by the authority last year when 21 complaints were upheld against Sinclair Research.

Drug 'guinea-pig' guidelines to be revised

Revised guidelines on the use of human "guinea-pigs" in drugs trials are being drawn up by the Royal College of Physicians after the death of Phillip Jones, a medical student, last year.

On Wednesday an inquest jury in Cardiff returned an open verdict on Mr Jones, who died of bronchial pneumonia due to aplastic anaemia, a rare blood disorder.

A report is due to be published at the end of the year, after a request to the college by the Government's Medicines Commission when Mr Jones died, aged 21, last July.

In the past the commission has decided to give existing guidelines no legal backing. It will reconsider when the report is made available.

The college working party heard evidence this week from the National Union of Students, which has demanded protection for its members.

The Welsh National School of Medicine, in Cardiff, where Mr Jones was studying and where he took part in tests on the tranquillizer, Midezolam, is also considering changes, including the establishment of a central register of staff and students taking part in research and the introduction of a standard consent form.

At the inquest three doctors said that there was a possible link between the tests and Mr Jones's death, although it was impossible to be certain.

The inquest was told that post-trial screening tests normally carried out after 24 hours were delayed for more than two months.

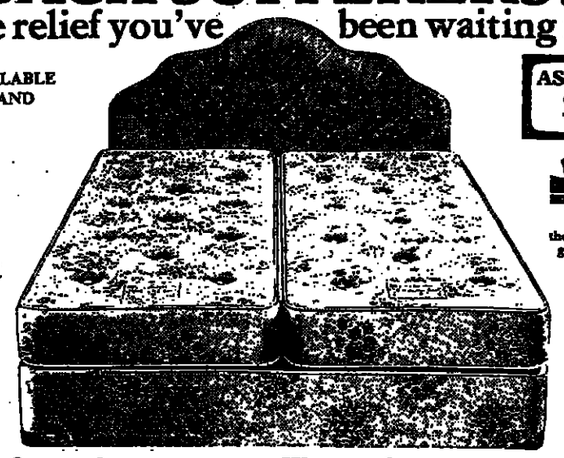
The secretary of the college working party, Dr Walter Van't Hoff, who will write the report, said yesterday: "These will be guidelines and the college's opinion of the proper procedures to be followed. They are not statutory and there is no way of enforcing them. What the Department of Health and Parliament do is their concern."

Dr Alun Roberts, registrar of the medical school, said: "The whole question of the involvement of healthy human volunteers in research programmes is a legitimate subject for public debate. The University of Wales College of Medecine would welcome authoritative guidelines, whether from the DHSS or elsewhere."

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Court told duke gave money to girl friends for furniture

The Duke of Devonshire told ury at the Central Criminal urt yesterday that he had ovided money for girl friends furnish their flats and houses. e duke, aged 65, has told the art that he was on holiday h a girl friend in Devon en cheques were stolen from London home.

The prosecution has alleged t Peter Callaghan, the son of duke's butler, stole the three eques. Two were cashed for 1,000 and an attempt was de to cash the third for 0,000. Mr Callaghan, Herakit uzupis, and Andrew and k Shellis, who are brothers, e denied stealing, and aining by deception.

While the duke was away m his home near Chesterfield eet, Mayfair, in August, 83, Mr Callaghan acted as a usekeeper and it was then the eques disappeared.

Cross-examined by Mr Allan inds, for Andrew Shellis, the e was asked about a tement made by Mr Shellis. Mr Mainds said Mr Shellis d the police the cheques e passed to "Ricky" Kouzu- by the duke's girl friend.

Mr Mainds asked the duke, o was called into court as drew Robert Cavendish, h Duke of Devonshire: "I ist ask, did you have, at any ge, a lady friend who you ier gave cheques to, or sed cheques to, or could e taken cheques, from you?"

The duke replied: "It is tainly conceivable that lady acquaintances, family acquaintances, over a broad period, could, I suppose, have taken the cheques. I am in the habit of keping loose cheques in my wallet, and there must have been opportunities."

He agreed it was "certainly conceivable that lady acquaintances could, at some time, in the past, have had opportunities of taking cheques from my wallet".

Asked if he had been on holiday with a lady friend when the cheques were stolen, the duke replied: "In Devon, yes".

He said he had known the woman for some years. He denied providing a flat for a woman in 1983, and denied intending to provide a flat.

Mr Mainds asked: "Had you any plans to provide a flat?"

The duke replied: "I am searching my memory. I can't recall, plans to provide a flat."

Mr Mainds asked: "What about furniture and paintings for a lady friend to furnish her flat?"

The Duke replied: "I have certainly given pictures and furniture".

Mr Mainds: "I asked him if he had used his money for women friends to furnish their houses, according to their own tastes. Have you helped a lady friend in that way?"

The Duke replied: "Yes, more than likely, highly likely."

Mr Mainds asked: "Could you, in August or September 1983, have given a cheque to a girl friend and said to her: 'Fill in the details, I will make it payable to cash, and go and get whatever you want to furnish your little house or flat.?"

The Duke replied: "I think it is unlikely, but I can't say for certain I did not".

Asked if he had given the stolen cheques to a woman friend, the Duke replied: "Under no circumstances, no."

He agreed that Mr Kouzipis had never introduced him to any girls, and not a girl called Christine.

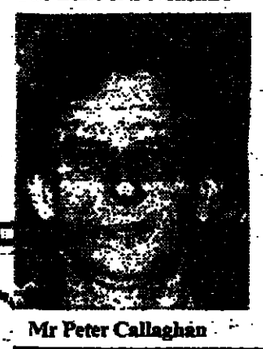
At the end of the duke's evidence Judge Hazan, QC, said to him: "I do not wish to be indelicate, but you have told the court about these ladies you have helped in the past, by providing finance to furnish flats. What sort of age were they? Young ladies, middle-aged ladies, elderly ladies?"

The duke replied: "A variety, my Lord, I am a fortunate man, and I am a rich man, and I come across people who are not as fortunate as I am, and I have, over the years, helped a wide variety of people of all ages, not only ladies, but there have been men."

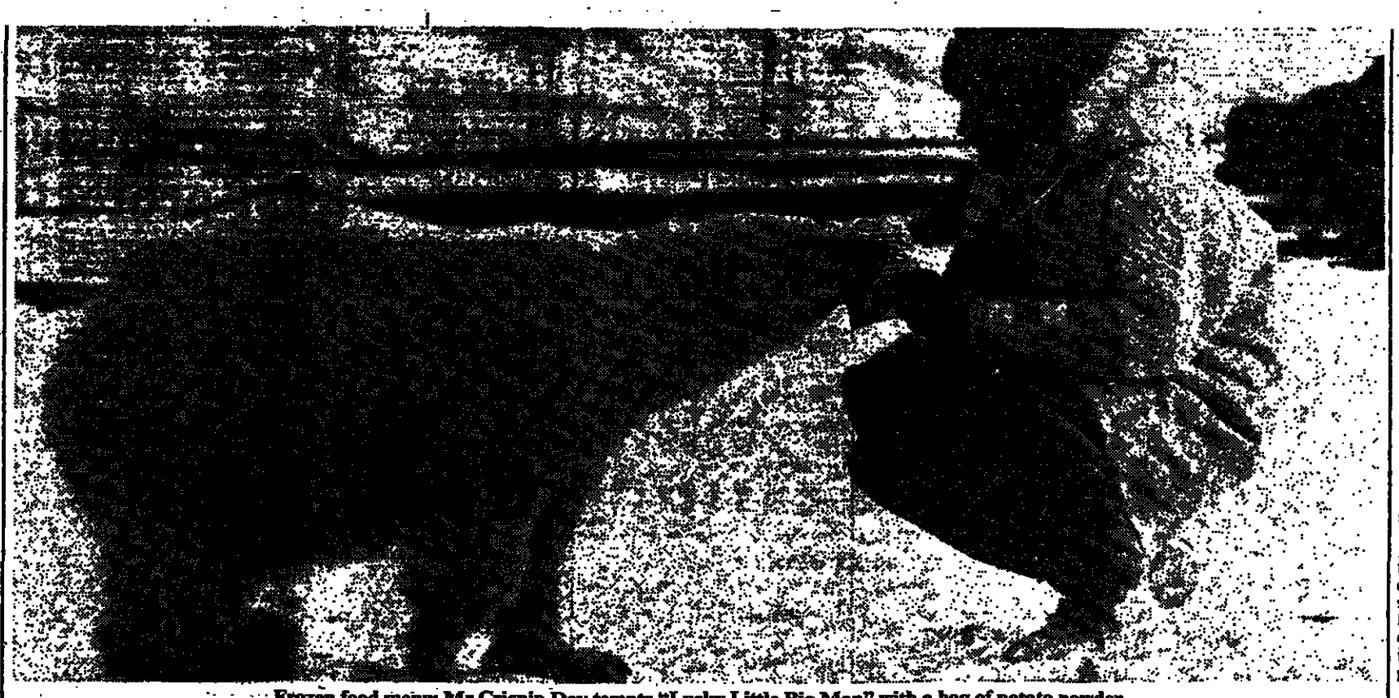
"The women had been all ages, though there were more young ones than elderly ones."



The Duke of Devonshire



Mr Peter Callaghan



Frozen food menu: Mr Crispin Day tempts "Lucky Little Big Man" with a bag of potato powder.

Britons befriended by polar bear

By Rodney Cowton

Polar bears are not man's best friend. In fact, the usual and safest practice is to shoot the dangerous beasts if they come too close.

But two British polar travellers struck up a more than passing acquaintance with a bear aged about 15 months, "Lucky Little Big Man".

For 12 days this polar bear stayed at their Arctic base camp before the call of the wild proved too strong.

Mr Robin Buzza, aged 36, from Cheltenham, who lives with his Norwegian wife on Spitzbergen, and Mr Crispin Day, aged 24, of Berkhampsted, a former Royal Marines officer, intended to spend the winter sledging 800 miles with dogs across the ice from Spitzbergen to Greenland.

But the ice failed to form, and they spent from August until Easter at a camp in north Spitzbergen 700 miles from the North Pole, waiting for ice.

Their tedious wait was enlivened by the arrival in March of a bear.

Several bears had already been attracted to their camp by their seal and reindeer meat, but had been scared away.

"Lucky Little Big Man," however was not intimidated by rubber bullets, thunder flashes and flares.

Twice they scared it off with shovels to establish dominance, but it returned. From then on they fed "Lucky Little Big Man" seal meat.

Chelsea to keep fence switched off

Chelsea Football Club has promised not to switch on its electric fence aimed at curbing a pitch invasion at Saturday's game with Tottenham Hotspur.

The club's chairman, Mr Ken Bates, has assured the Greater London Council that the fence, designed to carry a 12-volt current, will remain disconnected, but not dismantled, for the match.

Mr Simon Turney, chairman of the council's public services committee, said last night that legal action to have the club's Stamford Bridge ground closed would no loner be necessary.

● The Association of Chief Police Officers, meeting in Manchester yesterday, has agreed to cooperate in gathering information on known and potential soccer hooligans

Transplant organ guide 'needed for coroners'

By a Staff Reporter

A leading kidney trasplant surgeon, Mr Michael Bewick, has called on the Home Office to issue clearer guidlines to coroners on the removal of vital organs for transplants.

The request comes after a complaint to the General Medical Council by the Croydon coroner, Dr Mary McHugh, who was publicly accused by Mr Bewick of blocking 200 transplants in the past 10 years.

Last night Mr Bewick, a consultant surgeon at Guy's Hospital, London, said of her move to report him for alleged professional misconduct: "Perhaps this will draw attention to the problem at last and save lives".

The dispute between the coroner and the surgeon arose from a series of occasions when Mr McHugh refused to allow kidneys to be taken from willing donors after death by insisting on post-mortem examinations.

"There is a very important issue of the rights of a dying individual at stake and also that of saving lives.

"In cases where this might be difficult to decide the Home Office should issue clear guidelines. The emphasis should be on the living, not the dead".

A Home Office official said present guidelines were clear: "Coroners are advised to refuse consent for the removal of organs only if aware that there may later be criminal proceedings in which the organ may be required for evidence".

BBC faces £100,000 claim over TV-am film

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The BBC faces a claim for more than £100,000 in damages for using film of TV-am's exclusive interview with Princess Michael of Kent over her father's involvement in the NAzi SS organization.

The commercial breakfast television company has already been granted an injunction forbidding the BBC from using the interview again, after it copied the item by recording a TV-am broadcast.

Yesterday, a group of Conservative MPs tabled a Commons motion which complained about the BBC's intention to defray the damages and costs of the case from a substantially increased licence fee. The BBC confirmed yesterday that it carried no libel insurance for any of its programmes.

● A survey conducted by the National Consumer Council shows strong public support for the ending of the monopoly on programme listings enjoyed by the *Radio Times* and *TV Times*, which are owned respectively by the BBC and the ITV companies.

The office of Fair Trading has referred the problem to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which is due to report in August.

Princess tells of strain

Princess Michael of Kent broke down in tears while delivering a lunchtime speech yesterday when she referred to newspaper reports that her father had been involved in the SS (Alan Hamilton reports).

The Princess, who was presenting awards at the Doctor of the Year lunch at the Savoy Hotel, faltered during her address when she said: "It has not been an easy 10 days for me. I would just like to thank the thousands of people who have written to me."

Harrods staff take bribes, tribunal told

Staff at Harrods in London, were bribed by wealthy customers to sell them cut-price goods, it was claimed yesterday.

Luxury items were handed to account customers, their bills were "suppressed" and the corrupt sales assistants received expensive gifts and money in return, Mr Robert Hawkes, a Harrods executive, told an industrial tribunal.

Mr Ralph Kidd, aged 36, a butcher of Orpington, Kent, who was dismissed from Harrods in 1983, told the tribunal that he was unfairly dismissed after an incident involing the making up of a bill in the food hall. He denies that he tried to "rig" the bill.

The hearing continues today.

Eight new productions from ENO

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The English National Opera, ich announced details yester- of its new season, also ticized Arts Council policies.

Lord Harewood, the opera mpany's retiring managing rector, said that in recent ars the council's role had anged from being an advocate the arts to monitoring arts mpanies.

All of the company's eight w productions have had their dgets cut. The company's ost serious problem remains loss on a tour of the United ates which resulted in a 50,000 deficit due to the thdrawal of a backer.

The new season will mark the urn of Jonathan Miller, who ll direct a new version of *Don ovanni* and a revival of his oduction of *The Magic Flute* Scottish Opera. The cartoon- Gerald Scarfe, will make his but as an opera designer with Tenbach's *Orpheus in the derworld*.

The five other new pro- ctions are Gounod's *Faust*, ssini's *Moses*, Wagner's *Parsal*, the British stage première Busoni's *Doctor Faust*, and world première of Harrison rtwistle's *The Mask of Orus*. Four are co-productions th other companies, two of em foreign.

Minister 'in kerb-crawl mission'

A church minister claimed he wanted to preach the gospel to prostitutes after being arrested for kerb-crawling, magistrates at Nottingham were told yesterday.

Andrew Hope, aged 29, told police he was in a red-light district to hand out religious texts to street girls.

When an attractive woman detective told him: "I'm from the vice squad." He replied: "I'm a minister preaching the gospel, and I'm looking for prostitutes," said Mr Tony Knight, prosecuting.

Hope, a minister with the Church of the Nazarene, of Rectory Road, West Bridgeford, Nottinghamshire, approached WPC Tracey Barnfather, who was watching the activities of two prostitutes. Mr Knight said. He asked her name and asked if she "wanted some fun".

Hope, later told police, he wanted to make sure he was talking to a prostitute rather than a policewoman, because he knew police had clamped down on kerbwalkers in the area, the court was told.

But Mr Knight said: "His defence conflicts with his last remark 'how much do you charge?'".

Magistrates accepted Hope did not have an immoral intention, but his approach was likely to cause offence. He was bound over in the sum of £100 to be of good behaviour.

Mr Hope admitted he had been naive and foolish.

Three accused of murdering prostitute

Two West Sussex men and a London woman appeared at West London Magistrates' Court yesterday charged with murdering Christine Offord, a prostitute, who was found bound hand and foot in a bath at a basement flat in Kensington on April 15.

Robert Causabon-Vincent, aged 41, a carpenter, of Talbot Road, Littlehampton, Barry Parsons, aged 42, a builder, of Southdown View Road, Worthing, and Margaret Dunbar, aged 29, of St Paul's Close, Hounslow, are jointly charged with her murder at Queens Gate, Kensington, on or before April 14.

Mr Causabon-Vincent and Mr Parsons were remanded in custody until May 16, and Miss Dunbar remanded in custody until May 3.

Death case will be examined

A former police officer jailed 15 years ago for a killing he claims he never committed is to have his case reexamined by the Court of Appeal.

Noel Fellowes, aged 38, was released on parole after serving four years of a seven-year sentence for the manslaughter of a coin collector. Harold Parkinson, aged 67, at his home in Overton, Morecambe, Lancashire, in 1970. The forensic scientist in the case was the discredited Dr Alan Clift.

Campaign to avert M1 chaos

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

An unprecedented publicity campaign will be aimed at motorists by the Department of Transport from next month in an attempt to prevent new roadworks from causing traffic chaos on one of the busiest ections of the motorway network.

A 193-metre stretch of the M1, normally used by 140,000 vehicles a day, will be out of action for two weeks in July for the first repairs since it was opened in 1959.

It is near the busy junction 8 turn-off to Hemel Hempstead and less than a mile from where the M10 joins the M1.

Transport ministers and police chiefs admit that the contra-flow system needed will result in half-hour delays for drivers. But privately they fear a repeat of the record 40-mile traffic queue on the M1 at Easter caused by a combination of roadworks and accidents.

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Transport, has decided therefore to launch an information campaign to try to prepare motorists for delays and urge them, where possible, avoid the area.

Leaflets for drivers will be backed up by newspaper and *radio advertising, and warning* signs will be placed along the M1 in the north of England. Freight and haulage associations and bus and coach companies are being advised of the difficulties.

The repairs, costing about £200,000 will be carried out round the clock in an attempt to finish the job within a fortnight.

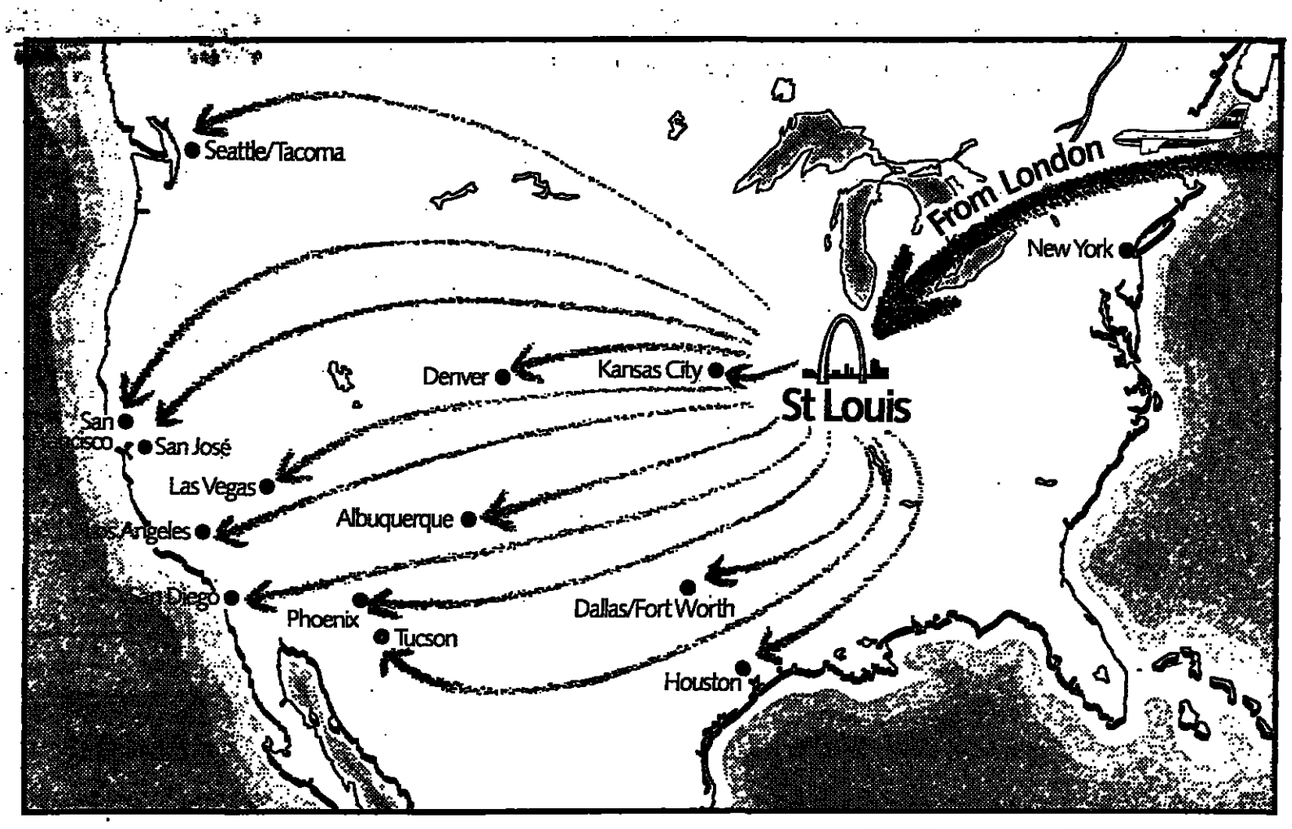
Local traffic will be asked to leave the M1 at junction 9 southbound and junction 5 or 6 northbound.

Southbound traffic will be diverted on to the A5183 through Redbourn, west of St Alban's, and on to the A414 to Hemel Hempstead.

***Northbound traffic leaving* the motorway at junction 5 will be diverted on to the A41. Traffic coming off at junction 6 will be diverted on to the A405.**

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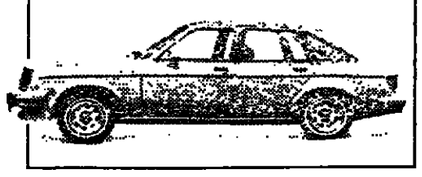
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Lawson sticking to strict monetary and fiscal rule

THE ECONOMY

The Government expected 3.5 per cent growth in the current year, which was likely to be the highest level of growth in the EEC and could well be higher than growth in the United States too, Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said during Commons questioning.

He declared that there was every intention of maintaining strict monetary and fiscal discipline. That was what had secured a reduction of inflation to the lowest level since the 1960s and the longest level of consistent economic growth since the oil price explosion of 1973.

On the whole, he said, the economy was doing extremely well, with two areas of great concern: the level of unemployment and real wage increases. The policies pursued by the Government were the best calculated to get the rate of unemployment down. Over the 12 months to March 1985 the retail price index had increased by 6.1 per cent.

Mr Andrew Mackay (East Berkshire, C): That figure does not take into account the latest increase in mortgage interest rates. That increase is premature and misguided bearing in mind the way interest rates elsewhere have fallen since.

Mr Lawson: We expect inflation to be above 6 per cent for the next few months before coming down to 5 per cent by the end of this year and below that next year.

Mr Richard Wainwright (Colne Valley, L): As to the Chancellor's strategy against inflation, does he think appropriate the present combination of the money growth rate and exchange rate or in what direction would he wish to see it adjusted?

Mr Lawson: I do not have it in my power to determine the exchange rate, but certainly I have some influence over the level of interest rates. The Government's policy is to take the exchange rates and interest rates into account and maintain a steady downward pressure on inflation.

Mr Robin Squire (Hornchurch, C): Will he confirm the growth rate in the economy this year is among the highest if not the highest in Western European countries? Does he regard that as coincidental with our existing rate of inflation?

Mr Lawson: He is right. Our reduction in inflation has certainly assisted the steady growth that we have secured now for very nearly four years – four years of growth at 2.5 per cent a year.

Mr Derek Fatchett (Leeds Central, Lab): When does he expect to achieve the Prime Minister's forecast of inflation?

Mr Lawson: In due course. (Laughter).

Mr Frank Haynes (Ashfield, Lab): Industry cannot plan for the future with inflation bobbing up and down. He is the worst Chancellor this country has ever had. When is he going to retire to the posh area of Blaby into insignificance so that we can have somebody there who knows what to do in that post?

Mr Lawson: Blaby is indeed worth visiting. During the period I have been Chancellor of the Exchequer so far the rate of inflation has been a good deal lower than it has been for a long time, including under Labour when it was 15.4 per cent on average and never once for a single month we had the level it is today.

Asked by Mr Timothy Eggar (Enfield North, C) how many more people he expected would be employed by the end of 1986 as a result of the changes in national insurance contributions announced in the Budget, **Mr Lawson** replied that he anticipated that the changes, to take effect from October, would lead to a significant increase in jobs over the following two years.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP): Does he accept the assessment made by Sir John Hoskins, the Prime Minister's former adviser, that the way he has introduced these changes is going to lead to a loss of 10,000 jobs in senior levels of industry?

Mr Lawson: I am not going to line up on any figure. It is clear that taking all the national insurance contribution changes into account there will be a significant increase in employment. That, I am sure, will be welcomed by the whole House.

Mr Bryan Gould (Dagenham, Lab) said that according to the medium-term strategy the only way of stopping inflation from rising, as it was now doing, was to maintain the monetary and fiscal policies which damaged the level of employment and resulted in rising inflation.

Is Mr Lawson prepared (he asked) to seek an escape from this dilemma created by his own policy?

Mr Lawson: There is every intention of maintaining strict monetary and fiscal discipline. He should read the recent communique of the OECD ministerial meeting that gave an unequivocal endorsement from the whole of the industrialized world to the sort of policies which this and many other countries are pursuing.

It is the Labour Party alone that is out of step.



Haynes: Industry cannot plan

More goods made by less people

MANUFACTURING

It was quite possible to have a flourishing manufacturing sector even if it employed fewer people, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said in the Commons when taking the opportunity provided by a Labour MP's question to reply to criticisms made by Lord Weinstock, managing director of GEC, in his evidence to a House of Lords select committee on Wednesday.

She was asked by Dr Oonagh McDonald (Thurrock, Lab) how she could expect the service sector to provide jobs when Lord Weinstock had said there would be nothing for the service sector to service.

Dr McDonald said: Her sado-monetarist economic policies have cut investment by one-third since 1979, cut ouput by 9 per cent since 1979 and created a trade deficit in manufactured goods of more than £3 billion last year. When will she listen to those with more experience in successful business than herself and change her policies?

Mrs Thatcher: In fact – as distinct from opinion – employment has been falling since 1966 and the shift from manufacturing to service employment has already taken place and is entirely compatible with an expanding economy.

As Lord Weinstock is well aware, it is possible to have a flourishing manufacturing sector even if it employs fewer people. Indeed, he has occasion to know, because GEC's profits were £670 million last year, despite 15,000 redundancies in the last three years.

Shopping on Sunday vote

Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during Commons questions that it had not yet been decided whether there would be a free vote on Sunday trading legislation.

She was replying to **Mr Patrick Cormack** (South Staffordshire, C) after the issue had first been raised *by Mr Ronald Lewis (Carlisle, Lab).*

Mr Lewis had asked: Will she recall her early upbringing, her Sunday school days and her father's insistence that the fourth commandment should be honoured? Is she, as head of the Government, going to besmirch her father's memory by bringing in legislation which will help to confine the sanctity of the Sabbath day to the scrapheap?

Mrs Thatcher: I congratulate him on the ingenuity of his question. It is a matter for this House. The Auld report will be brought before the House for debate and several matters, including the jobs that would be created by Sunday opening, will be taken into account.

Sympathy for criticism of Reagan

Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said in the Commons she had considerable sympathy with the remarks of **Mr David Winnick** (Walsall North, Lab) who was critical of President Reagan's proposed visit to the West German cemetery which contained graves of SS members.

Mr Winnick: Is it not time she came off the fence and said that the Government will be represented in Moscow for the celebrations of the fortieth anniversary of the end of the war?

President Reagan's visit to the *cemetery in which SS criminals are* buried is not only deeply insulting and offensive to the memory of the victims but deeply insulting and offensive to all who fought in the last war to destroy the Nazi tyranny.

Mrs Thatcher: I believe we will be represented by the Ambassador in Moscow.

With regard to his comments about the German cemetery, I am not responsible for the activites of the United States. (Labour interruptions.) but I have considerable sympathy with what Mr Winnick has said.

Howe urges industrial nations to resist protectionism

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The economic summit in Bonn next week provided an important opportunity for the major industrial countries to develop a co-ordinated approach to world economic problems, **Sir Geoffrey Howe,** Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said, when opening the Commons debate on foreign affairs.

He said the United States must tackle its deficits and Europe must push ahead with liberalization, by the removal of the many rigidities that hindered the creation of new jobs. Japan must match the other Western economies by opening the Japanese markets and financial system. Above all, the will of all participants must be strengthened to resist protectionism.

Despite the improved growth *rates of the last 12 months, there* were a number of uncertainties, particularly over the growth of the US economy. This made a decisive reduction in the US budget deficit even more urgent than before.

The world's largest economy was also the world's largest net importer of capital. That cast a shadow over *economic recovery around the* world.

He said he had been strengthened in his view that the greatest and most important challenge facing the foreign policy makers of the West was to find a way of establishing stable, peaceful relations with the nations of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

It was no ordinary experience (he went on) to stand two weeks ago by the grave of Father Popieluszko, mindful of the large Polish community in the United Kingdom, surrounded by a large crowd shouting "Long live Britain", and to remember that this was the same country for which we went to war in 1939.

In all his meetings in Eastern Europe, he had underlined the sincerity of the West's search for security at lower levels of armaments.

I have made plain (he said) our commitment to the negotiating process and the pursuit of genuinely balanced and verifiable agreements. Again and again, I have stressed that Nato is a defensive alliance. I have left them in no doubt about my own concerns, but I have sought to allay their misgivings about the policies of the West.

It was both possible and essential, without compromising British or Western positions, to conduct regular, wide-ranging exchanges with the governments of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

We have made it plain (he said) we shall not hesitate to take firm measures where our national security is concerned.

I hope that a line can now be drawn under recent events and we can devote our energies to the key international questions confronting our two countries.

If we are to be true to ourselves – and to the spirit of Helsinki – then *we must also make plain our* concern about the inadequacy of the performance of those countries on human rights and human contacts.

The search for mutual security between East and West was bound to be a long haul. Patience and tenacity were needed. But it was a goal to which the Government was firmly committed.

The Government welcomed warmly the resumption of arms control negotiations at Geneva. Mr Gorbachev's recent statement about the Soviet Union's intention to freeze deployments of intermediate nuclear weapons was not new.

The Soviet Union had, now deployed 414 SS20 launchers, each with three warheads, while NATO had deployed less than one-third of that number of single-headed Cruise and Pershing missiles. Mr Gorbachev's proposal would perpetuate the present imbalance in the Soviet Union's favour.

We must continue (he said) to encourage the Soviet Union to perceive the mutual advantage in serious and constructive negotiations at the conference table, not at the press conference – negotiations conducted for real and not for show. A serious, business like approach by the Soviet Union to the Geneva talks would be welcomed and reciprocated by the Western alliance.

Turning to Africa, he said the tragic events at Uitenhage, which underlined the evil of apartheid, reinforced the need for the South African Government to promote discussions with the black community to tackle the fundamental problems of black political rights.

He had made clear the Government's view of the Uitenhage incident when he saw the South African ambassador that morning. But he believed with equal conviction that it was right to keep up the dialogue with the South African authorities.

We cannot expect to influence the South Africans (he added) if we choose to ostracize them.

Recent developments in South Africa had real significance and suggested that a change in attitudes, a necessary precursor to political change, might be taking place.

The Government had done much to combat the tragic famine in Africa, particularly in Ethiopia, by direct relief assistance, by support for the voluntary agencies, and throught the actions of the Community. In the financial year 1984-85, the Government committed over £100m to drought-related aid, a four-fold increase on the previous year.

But in the long term changes had to be made in the internal pricing and marketing policies of the countries affected resources and research should be invested in agriculture. The Government was ready to help in the most effective way. But a large part of the responsibility rested, as it must, with the government concerned.

The development of more normal relations between Britain and *Argentina was consistent* with the Government's firm commitment to the Falkland Islanders. But it required a constructive response from Argentina. Despite all the Government's efforts, this had not yet been forthcoming.

Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, said East-West relations and what was happening to the world economy should be the central issues at next week's summit meeting in Bonn. It might be the last chance to avert catastrophe in the world economy.

The time had come to exert direct *economic pressure on* the South African government. The best possible action Britain could take would be to follow the example set by many American banks of international standing to ban further loans and investment in South Africa until the government there changed its policies.

A number of distinguished service officers who took part in the last world war had supported a call to use VE Day for a declaration by all the belligerent governments in favour of common action against natural disasters such as began to take place in Ethiopia last year. This would be an excellent initiative and he hoped the Government would reconsider its rejection of the idea.

The crisis in the financial markets could weaken western unity far more deeply than any efforts by the most cunning communist. He hoped this matter would be addressed at the summit next week. If not it was very unlikely that action effectively would be taken for at least another 12 months.

If the debt crisis exploded it would be threatening financial markets whose fragility had already been demonstrated by the collapse of major institutions in the US, Britain and Ireland.

On East-West issues he found himself uncomfortably close to the Foreign Secretary. Sir Geoffrey had done a great service by his recent visit to Eastern Europe. He had combined a proper respect for human rights with a genuine desire to improve relations.

This was one occasion when the patient plodding of Sancho Panza around Eastern Europe did a great deal more for Britain in the world than the charging of windmills by Don Quixote. (Laughter.)

Mr Gorbachov's economic priority gave him a strong incentive to try, through arms agreements with the West, to reduce defence spending.

The Soviet Government, like the British Government, had an overwhelming case for moving a fast as possible to achieve the two main objectives jointly set by America and Russia in Geneva – to prevent an arms race in space and to stop and wind down the arms race on earth.

It made a lot of sense to start with a freeze on arms development since there was now approximate parity in strategic and intermediate weapons.

Discussions before decisions

SOCIAL SECURITY

During exchanges with Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, claimed the delay in Cabinet discussions on the social security reviews had more to do with next week's county council elections than anything else.

He called on Mrs Thatcher to explain why she had decided that the morning's Cabinet should not even discuss proposals by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Security (Mr Norman Fowler) to end the state earnings-related pension scheme, to cut the rate of family income supplement, not to uprate child benefits and to make many other changes which would be retrograde for poor people.

Mrs Thatcher: I am sure Mr Kinnock would agree it would be better not to reach conclusions before discussions have taken place, which he appears to have been doing.

Mr Kinnock: I agree it is always wise to be cautious in these matters but since this review has been taking place for 13 months has not next week's county council elections far more to do with the delay than anything else?

Mrs Thatcher: Unlike the other side of the House we discuss before we reach a conclusion.

Mr Ralph Howell (Norfolk North, C): Despite all the efforts of this Government, the unemployment and poverty traps are worse than ever and embrace more than half the working population.

Will she assure the House that the social security reviews and subsequent measures will be combined with a taxation review to create an overall coordinated system whereby nobody who pays tax receives benefit and vice versa, in order to create a situation where everybody is better off working than not working?

Mrs Thatcher: I have great sympathy with his objective that everyone should be better off working than by receiving supplementary benefit and not working.

Mr Timothy Yeo (Suffolk South, C): There is widespread concern about the long-term cost of the state-earnings related pension scheme. Since this provides virtually no benefit to workers on two-thirds, or less, of average earnings, if the Government is to succeed in ensuring the social security budget helps those in real need, the best thing would be to terminate the scheme and apply the savings to increasing the basic state pension.

Mrs Thatcher: There are problems with any scheme run on a pay-as-you-go basis in which the contributions are used up for benefits paid now; but many people think they are accumulated for benefits later. I will take his views into account when this matter is discussed.

Interest rate policy unchanged

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the Commons when asked what proposals he had for reducing the level of interest rates, that he would maintain monetary conditions that would continue to bring down inflation.

Short-term interest rates would be held at the level needed to achieve *this, he said. In the five weeks since* the Budget base rates had fallen by 1½ per cent.

Mr Michael Latham (Rutland and Melton, C): While short-term interest rates will obviously be affected by the extraordinary fluctuation in the exchange rate that we have seen over the past few days and weeks, would he confirm that it remains a general objective of the Government, in the interests of industry and employment, to reduce interest rates as much as possible if market conditions permit?

Mr Lawson: *That is one of the* reasons why we have consistently followed the policy of having a low public sector borrowing requirement that for this year is predicted to be as low as 2 per cent of gross domestic product.

Any reduction of interest rates has to be consistent with what is *necessary to maintain downward* pressure on inflation.

Mr Gerald Howarth (Cannock and Burntwood, C): The proposals being trailed by the Labour Party in advance of next week's council elections, issuing blank cheques left, left and left, would have the effect of increasing interest rates enormously by the impact they would have on the PSBR.

These hollow and spurious promises are a disincentive to employment.

Mr Lawson: I agree. It is well known *throughout the country that Labour* is the party of inflation. If that were not bad enough, it is the party of high interest rates too.

Mr Anthony Blair, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs: His answers have all the clarity of a riddle from the Delphic Oracle. All sides of industry are saying that what is punishing is the levels of interest rates combined with uncertainty and instability in our exchange rate policy.

Is it not time to listen to those in industry who are trying to succeed rather than those in Government who have patently failed?

Mr Lawson: We have consistently for six years stuck to the policies we said we would follow in 1979. We have also succeeded in bringing inflation down and have achieved the highest ever levels of output, productivity and investment.

Bank collapse not due to fraud

BANKING

Investigations so far did not suggest that the collapse of Johnson Matthey Bankers was due to fraud, **Mr Ian Stewart,** Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said during Commons questions when he indicated the Chancellor (Mr Lawson) expected to receive the results of the review of banking supervision around the end of May.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) said: Is it not clear that, despite official bank monitoring, this bank made some stupid loans, often unsecured, which are having to be covered now by the guarantee and indemnity arrangements?

In so far as it has been proven that there was a relationship between some of those lending and some of the borrowers, which obviously had some bearing on the terms under which the borrowings were made, why has the City fraud squad not been brought in to carry out the fullest investigation so that justice can be seen to be done, as the public demand?

Mr Stewart: It is clear that Johnson Matthey Bankers indulged in some extremely unwise and imprudent lending but I am advised that investigations to date into the collapse of the bank do not suggest that it was due to fraud.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab): It is time that we had a law for everybody and not one for these City characters who operate in the casino economy and another for other people.

This bank lent money to people to organize lavish trips and lavish parties in the City and abroad. The taxpayer had to pay £75 million at least to bale out the bank.

The report has been sat on since February and it is time it was revealed to the public so that all taxpayers can see all the sordid details. The Prime Minister had refused to answer his letter, sent a month ago, asking that the report be published. It was time the Government came clean about all its friends in the City.

Mr Stewart: He misunderstands the position on taxpayers' money. The decision to rescue Johnson Matthey Bankers was made by the Bank of England and voted money is not involved in that, there is an agreement for an indemnity between the Bank of England and the commercial banks.

The report was commissioned by the Governor of the Bank of England who felt he should not publish it because it contains commercially confidential information. (Labour laughter.)

Mr Skinner: It is a cover up.

In answer to **Mr Michael Meadowcroft** (Leeds West, L), Mr Stewart said the Governor of the Bank of England had made clear at the time that the reason for saving the bank from liquidation was the potential impact on the gold market.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Motor Cycle Crash Helmets (Restriction of Liability) Bill and Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill remaining stages.

Kinnock presses for Commons TV vote

The possibility of a debate on televising the proceedings of the House of Commons would be discussed among the various party leaders, **Mr John Biffen,** Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House said, during business questions.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition had asked for a debate on televising the House as soon as possible so that, speaking for himself and many other members, they could get a chance to vote as soon as possible.

Mr Biffen: I recognize that there is general interest in the House that televising our proceedings should be subject to further debate and decision. Quite clearly, that will be related also to the experiment going on in the House of Lords.

Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet South, C): Will he resist his intention of discussing this matter through the usual channels, particularly since it has been well known for many years that the Opposition Chief Whip (Mr Michael Cocks) has been doing his utmost to prevent this eventuality? Will he keep the front bench fixers out of this and let the will of the House of Commons speak for itself?

Mr Biffen: The will of the House will be expressed ultimately, and it will do so with total lack of inhibition. I am surprised he should entertain a thought otherwise.

Polytechnic links with industry

EDUCATION

The Further Education Bill would provide the missing link in what would then become a continuous *chain from basic research on* the laboratory bench through development and on to full application in the market place, **the Earl of Swinton,** the Government spokesman, said in the House of Lords in moving the Bill's second reading.

The Bill was designed, he said, to release the creative skills of the polytechnics and colleges of further education maintained by local authorities, by removing legal restrictions preventing them benefiting financially through links with industry.

Many polytechnics and colleges had good links with employers and were ready and willing to respond to the challenges of today's fast changing scene, but were prevented because they had no separate existence from the local authority and could not therefore carry on commercial trading on any significant scale.

The Bill would enable further education institutions to use their expertise and technological skills to the benefit of existing businesses and help generate new ones. This would be to the benefit of the nation's economy and culture.

The Bill was read a second time.

Next week's business

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:

Monday: Finance Bill, second reading.

Tuesday: Insolvency Bill, second reading.

Wednesday: Debate on Public Accounts Committee report on De Lorean Cars, Coal Bill, second reading.

Thursday: Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, remaining stages.

Friday: Private Members' Bills. Road Traffic (Production of Documents) Bill and Unborn Children (Protection) Bill, remaining stages.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:

Monday: Local Government Bill, committee, first day.

Tuesday: Local Government Bill, committee, second day.

Wednesday: Debates on the position of women in public life; on rural areas; and on building societies.

Thursday: Local Government Bill, committee, third day. Representation of the People Bill, report.

Friday: Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill: second reading.

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No unfair dismissal claim over early retirement

Hughes v Department of Health and Social Security
Coy v DHSS
Jarnell v Department of the Environment
Before Lord Diplock, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook and Lord Brightman
[Speeches sold April 25]

Three former civil servants who, following changes in policy announced in 1981, had been compulsorily retired in 1982 at ages between 60 and 65 did not have the right to make complaints of unfair dismissal to industrial tribunals

In test cases, the House of Lords allowed conjoined appeals by two government departments from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Slade and Lord Justice Parker; Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, dissenting) (*The Times*, June 12, 1984) as to what was the normal retiring age of Mr Gwilym Michael Hughes, a senior executive officer, and Mr William Coy, a higher executive officer, in the Department of Health and Social Security; and of Mr George Edward Jarnell, a professional and technology officer Grade II in the Department of the Environment.

Mr Hughes and Mr Coy had been transferred to the Civil Service from local authority employment in 1948 on the basis that their established service, although terminable at 60, would normally continue until 65.

That remained the position until a circular in 1981 announced a change in policy whereby employees in their grades would be retired at 61 from 1982 and 60 from 1983. Mr Jarnell's department had published a bulletin in 1974 intimating a normal retiring age of 65, but further bulletins in 1981 reduced that age to 63.

Mr Alexander Irvine, QC and Mr David Blunt for the departments; Mr John Melville Williams, QC and Mr John Hendy for Mr Hughes and Mr Jarnell; Mr John Melville Williams, QC and Mr Stephen Rubin for Mr Coy.

LORD DIPLOCK said that in contrast to *Waite v Government Communications Headquarters* ([1983] 2 AC 714) the terms of employment as respected retirement of the three respondents had been governed by rules made from time to time by the departments by which they were employed; "circulars" by the DHSS and "bulletins" by the DOE, issued under the discretionary power conferred upon departments by paragraph (iii) of *the introduction to the Civil Service* Pay and Conditions of Service.

With reference to section 64(1)(*b*) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978, Lord Fraser of Tullybelton had said in the *Waite* case: "Where there is a contractual retiring age, applicable to all, or nearly all, the employees holding the position which the appellant employee held, there is a presumption that the contractual retiring age is the normal retiring age for the group. But it is a presumption which . . . can be rebutted by evidence that there is in practice some higher age at which employees . . . have reasonably come to regard as their normal retiring age".

Lord Fraser's use of "group", not a word in the statute, was a short way of referring to employees holding a similar "position" to that held by the claimant. Both Lord Justice Slade and Lord Justice Parker treated "group" as if it were the relevant statutory expression and gave it an historical content confining it, in the case of Mr *Hughes to senior executive officers* who had transferred from local authority service, and in the case of Mr Coy to higher executive officers who had done likewise.

That was wrong and illustrated the danger of construing the words of a judicial pronouncement from however elevated a source as if they *replaced the actual words used by* the draftsman of the statute. The Master of the Rolls fell into no such error in his dissenting judgment.

Where as a matter of administrative policy a department decided that for the time being it was in the interests of efficiency that a particular category of employees should be permitted to remain in employment until some specified higher age than 60 and such decision was communicated to them, those employees had a reasonable expectation that the higher retiring age had replaced 60 as their "normal retiring age".

But that remained the case only so long as the departmental circular announcing that administrative policy remained in force. When a change in policy was communicated to those employees, any reasonable expectations that might have been aroused in them by previous circulars were destroyed and replaced by such other reasonable expectations as to the earliest date they could be compelled to retire at if the new circular was applied to them.

There was no distinction in law between the case of Mr Jarnell and those of Mr Hughes and Mr Coy.

Lord Bridge, Lord Brandon and Lord Brightman agreed.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Robin Thompson & Partners, Stanmore; Lupton Fawcett, Bell Cumming & Co, Leeds; Gasters.

Court of Justice of the European Communities

UK's origin of goods order is against EEC law

Commission v United Kingdom
Case 207/83
Before Judge G. Bosco, President of the First Chamber, acting as President, and Judges O. Due, C. Kakouris, F. Pescatore, T. Koopmans, V. Everling, K. Bahlmann, Y. Galmot and R. Joliet
Advocate General M. Darmon
[Judgment delivered April 25]

A requirement that certain goods be marked with an indication of their origin was a measure which made the marketing of goods imported from other member states *more difficult than the marketing of* domestically produced goods and which could not be justified under Community law.

Article 2 of the Trade Descriptions (Origin Marking) (Miscellaneous Goods) Order (SI 1981 No 121) provided that no person might supply or offer to supply by retail the goods listed in the schedule to the order, unless the goods were marked with or accompanied by an indication of their origin. According to article 1, the "origin" of goods meant "the country in which the goods were manufactured or produced".

The schedule to the Order listed the goods to which the Order applied. Those goods were divided into four categories: clothing and textile goods, domestic electrical appliances, footwear and cutlery.

The Commission argued, *inter alia*, that the Order imposed a considerable burden upon the retailer of any product covered by the Order. The scheme introduced by the Order would encourage the retailer to choose to sell only goods which were already origin-marked.

The burden of the requirements laid down in the Order would inevitably be passed up the sales chain and come to rest on the manufacturer who, anxious to retain his customers, would feel obliged to origin-mark his products.

Such a requirement would necessarily increase the production costs of the imported article and make it more expensive. The Order therefore constituted a measure having an effect equivalent to a quantitative restriction on imports which was contrary to article 30 of the EEC Treaty.

The United Kingdom's defence was in substance limited to two arguments. First, it contended that the Order was a measure which applied to imported and national products alike and the effect of which on trade between member states was uncertain, if not non-existent.

It should first be observed, with regard to that argument, that in order to escape the obligations imposed on him by the legislation in question the retailer would tend to ask his wholesalers to supply him with goods which were already origin-marked. That tendency had been confirmed by complaints received by the Commission. The effects of the contested provision were therefore liable to spread to the wholesale trade and even to manufacturers.

Second, it had to be recognized that the purpose of indications of origin was to enable consumers to distinguish between domestic and imported products and that enabled them to assert any prejudices which they might have against foreign products. An origin-marking requirement also had the effect of slowing down economic interpenetration in the Community by handicapping the sale of goods produced as the result of a division of labour between member states.

It followed from those considerations that the UK provisions in question were liable to have the effect of increasing the production costs of imported goods and making it more difficult to sell them on the UK market.

The second argument advanced by the UK was in effect that the contested legislation was necessary in order to satisfy imperative requirements relating to consumer protection. It stated that UK consumers associated the quality of certain goods with the countries in which they were made. They liked to know, for example, whether leather shoes had been made in Italy, woollen knitwear in the UK, fashionwear in France and domestic electrical appliances in Germany.

That argument was rejected. The requirements relating to the indication of origin of goods were applicable without distinction to domestic and imported products only in form because, by their very nature, they were intended to enable the consumer to distinguish between those two categories of products and might thus prompt him to give his preference to national products.

The court observed that the fact that consumers associated a product's quality with its national origin did not appear to have been a consideration which prompted the UK Government when it suggested to the Commission that, as far as the member states of the Community were concerned, it was prepared to accept the indication "made in the European Community".

Besides, if the national origin of goods brought certain *qualities* to the minds of consumers, it was in manufacturers' interests to indicate it themselves on the goods or on their packaging and it was not necessary to compel them to do so. In that case, the protection of consumers was sufficiently guaranteed by rules which enabled the use of false indications of origin to be prohibited. Such rules were not called in question by the EEC Treaty.

On those grounds, the court declared that, by prohibiting the retail sale of certain goods imported from other member states unless they were marked with or accompanied by an indication of origin, the United Kingdom had failed to fulfil an obligation incumbent on it under article 30 of the EEC Treaty.

Spatial disorientation does not qualify for mobility allowance

Lees v Secretary of State for the Social Services
Before Lord Scarman, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brightman and Lord Templeman
[Speeches sold April 25]

A blind woman with impaired spatial orientation so that she could not walk out of doors from point A to point B without an adult to guide her did not qualify for a mobility allowance under section 37A of the Social Security Act 1975, as inserted by section 22(1) of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by Miss Christine Lees from the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Eveleigh and Lord Justice O'Connor) (*The Times*, February 14, 1984) who upheld a decision of a social security commissioner that she was not "virtually unable to walk" within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(*b*) of the Mobility Allowance Regulations (SI 1975 No 1573), which defined the scope of section 35A.

Mr Richard Drabble for the appellant; Mr David Latham for the respondent.

LORD SCARMAN said that to qualify for the allowance Miss Lees had to establish that she was either unable to walk or virtually unable to do so. She suffered from retrolental hyperplasia with complete blindness and also some hydrocephalus with symptoms including some impairment of balance and marked impairment of capacity for spatial orientation.

Outdoor walking was only feasible with the help of an intelligent adult to pilot her. It had proved impossible to substitute a guide dog to assist her.

"Walk" was, of course, an ordinary English word: but the task facing their Lordships was to determine its meaning in the context of section 37A and the regulations made thereunder. That was a matter of law to be *determined by applying the judicial* process of statutory interpretation.

The emphasis of section 37A and regulation 3 was on physical disablement; the section emphasizing physical difficulty in the act of walking.

The reference in regulation 3(1) (*b*) to the ability to "make progress on foot" did not mean an ability to advance from point A to a desired destination B. The words clearly referred to the physical ability to move on foot, not to the direction of that movement.

Mr Drabble had sought to counter that view by a submission at first sight very persuasive based on the (accurate) observation that sub-paragraph (*b*) accepted that the allowance was payable where there was an ability to walk but the ability to do so out of doors was so limited that *the claimant was virtually* unable to walk. It was available for those who could not walk out of doors unaided.

The submission would be rejected for two reasons. First, the language of the sub-paragraph, as already explained, indicated that the disability which had to be shown to exist was in the physical movement on foot.

Second, the submission went too far. It was not suggested that blindness itself without further disability constituted an inability to walk. Yet blind people could not walk out of doors unaided: they needed a stick or a sighted guide (man or dog). But the physical act of walking was as much within their ability as that of a sighted person.

If unaided walking ability was the test, it inevitably meant that no blind person could walk, which was *absurd. A blind person was as* mobile as a sighted person: his disability was that he could not see where he was going. There had to be a further disability and the language of sub-paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*) indicated clearly what it was – a limitation upon his physical capacity to move himself on foot.

Lord Keith, Lord Bridge, Lord Brightman and Lord Templeman agreed.

Solicitors: Lawrence Graham; DHSS Solicitor.

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Thatcher will decide on offices plan criticized by the Prince of Wales

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

The Prime Minister is to cide whether to approve the ntroversial plan by Mr Peter lumbo to build a 290ft high fice block at Mansion House, ar the Bank of England, after public inquiry last year. pponents of the plan mean- ile asked the Prince of Wales sterday for his help in pping it.

Mr Stephen Marks, the overnment-appointed inquiry spector, is believed to have commended refusal of the eme. His report is being cided by Mr Patrick Jenkin, cretary of State for the vironment.

The 21-storey tower, which uld require the demolition of ne listed buildings in the Bank nservation area, including appin & Webb, was described the Prince of Wales as a iant glass stump better suited down-town Chicago than the ty of London" in a speech to chitects last May.

It is understood that Mrs argaret Thatcher is sympath- c to the scheme going ahead, a gesture of confidence in the ture of the City of London, and as an example of good modern architecture in "atonement" for the bad examples that have been built.

But Mr Jenkin is thought to be against the scheme, and that is certainly the advice he is being given by his department. He is expected to try to convince the Prime Minister of the public outcry that would follow a decision to approve it. An announcement is expected next week.

Yesterday leading conservationists who oppose the development told the Prince of Wales, who is in Italy: "British architecture needs your help". It says that the scheme is likely to be approved and describes the plan as "outdated, alien, and reactionary".

The message was signed by Save Britain's Heritage, the Ancient Monuments Society, the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, the Victorian Society, the Thirties Society, and Mr Colin Amery, architecture critic of the *Financial Times*.

The scheme was opposed at the inquiry by the City of London, the Greater London Council, the Royal Fine Arts Commission, and many conservationists.

The tower would contain 178,000 square feet of offices and there would be a shopping centre under a pedestrian piazza. It was designed by Ludwig Mier van der Rohe, who died in 1969.

Mr Palumbo has spent 26 years, and £10 million acquiring 12 freeholds and 345 leaseholds on the six-acre site to realize his ambition.

He has lobbied on a scale unseen in this country, but common in America, especially New York. His first planning application for the scheme was rejected by the City in 1968; and again in 1982, which led to the inquiry on appeal.

Many leading British architects spoke in support of the scheme, including Mr Michael Manser, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, Mr James Stirling, and Mr Richard Rogers who received this year's Royal Gold Medal for Architecture.



Royal study: A new portrait of Princess Anne, painted by June Mendoza, to be hung in the museum in Edinburgh Castle of The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), of which the princess is colonel-in-chief.

Attack on bowel cancers is launched

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

A concerted attack on a form of cancer that annually kills 17,000 people in Britain was launched in north London yesterday.

A unit specializing in the investigation and treatment of bowel cancers was opened at St Mark's Hospital, Islington. The unit is being funded at a cost of £175,000 a year, in addition to an initial investment of £280,000, by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Specialists at the unit are hoping to help to develop a screening test for the disease, which can be cured if treated early enough. At present the death rate is nine times higher than that caused by cervical cancer.

Dr Walter Bodmer, the fund's director of research, said: "This is a unique chance for a concerted attack on this particular cancer. It is the biggest initiative of its kind for some years. We can now bring the clinical work of the hospital and the research work of our laboratory staff together."

Mr John Northover, a consultant surgeon at the hospital, said: "Our main task is to find ways of bringing down the death rate. We are searching for evidence that a screening test will have this effect. Surgery has reached its limits and cannot save any more lives than it does at present."

Busy BA may buy French Concordes

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

British Airways is considering the possibility of buying Concordes from Air France to help in coping with its booming Atlantic and charter business.

Talks are yet to take place between the two countries over what could become a serious issue for French national pride. But Lord King, chairman of British Airways, admitted yesterday that "we now have seven Concordes and we may have eight".

The present fleet of 16 Concordes is split between Britain and France, with seven each to British Airways and Air France, and one spare at each of the two manufacturing centres, Filton and Toulouse.

But the British Concorde operation is far more successful than the French, with an estimated £10 million profit by British Airways' Concorde fleet last year compared with only a small operating profit by Air France. British Airways has all seven aircraft in full service from today while Air France uses only four, and there is speculation that at least one of the other three could change hands if present trends continue.

Air France, which previously operated to South America, Mexico, and Washington, is now down to a single route: Paris-New York. British Airways operates three routes – to New York, Washington and Miami – and is constantly studying others as well as rapidly expanding its charter activities.

It is difficult to gauge what price a French Concorde would fetch now. Each aircraft cost over £100 million originally, but the second-hand price now could be between £10 million and £20 million – if the French were prepared to sell.

The eighth British aircraft at Filton, which has been used for spares, would probably cost about £10 million to put into service.

Lord King was speaking at the launching of British Airways' new Concorde livery

The exterior of the slender aircraft stays white – a dark blue hull like the rest of the fleet would have risked burn-up at supersonic speeds – and a blue tailfin with the British Airways coat of arms.

Inside are new leather seats giving more legroom and a restrained decor in shades of grey. The Concorde facelift is costing about £3 million, plus £1 million for bringing the seventh aircraft back into service after two-and-a-half years on the ground.

Jury concern after second jail suicide

After returning a verdict of icide on a prisoner a roner's jury yesterday made eir second request within 24 urs for random spot checks be carried out at night on lls at Pentonville Prison in rth London.

The jury asked the St ncras coroner, Dr Douglas ambers, to repeat the con- rn they had expressed on ednesday to the prison vernor at the lack of random ot checks at night.

On Wednesday the same ry had heard how another an, awaiting extradition pro- edings on narcotics charges s found hanged in his cell at ntonville.

At the inquest yesterday they ard how Mr Kevin Hayes, ed 24, and unemployed icklayer, of Barleycroft, arlow, was nearly half way rough a two-month prison tence imposed in January for not paying fines and maintenance arrears totalling £783 when he was found hanged in his prison cell on February 21.

During his sentence Mr Hayes became a prison "trusty," carrying out work as a cleaner and orderly, Principal Officer James Thompson told the inquest: "He never gave us any inkling that anything was wrong."

Prison Officer Kevin Anderson said that a final check had been made at 10 o'clock that night and that no other check was made until 6 am the next day.

Mr Hayes's father-in-law, Mr Anthony Glynn, a contract cleaner, of Pennymead, Harlow, said that he had no physical or mental illness. "He was picked up very quickly by police on the streets and put in prison. He wasn't a criminal and maybe it was too much for him."

£120,000 award to car victim

A woman who cannot stop laughing after suffering brain damage in a car crash was awarded £120,000 damages in the High Court yesterday.

Miss Dianne Smith, aged 27, of Homerton, east London, had her dreams of working in the theatre ruined. She is a former pupil of the theatre designer John Gunter, and hoped to make stage design her career.

In December, 1981, Miss Smith was a passenger in a car driven by her former landlady, Mrs Jane Jones, when it was in collision with another car.

Mrs Jones, of Clifden Road, Clapton, east London, admitted liability and agreed to pay the damages approved by Mr Justice Tudor Evans.

Miss Smith's solicitor, Mr David Hutchins, said after the case: "Her life is wrecked and she is fully aware of it. She does laugh uncontrollably. She giggles when you speak to her, and it does not have to be about anything funny."

Cars run for 50 miles 'without oil'

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Two cars were drained of oil and driven for nearly one and a half hours around Mallory Park race track yesterday without damagin their engines, it was claimed by the British distributors of an oil additive developed for the US space programme.

Mr Chris Mitchell, managing director of the UK distributors Mitchell Marketing, of Leicester, said: "Slick 50 was developed to counter a problem in weightless space where the oil kept falling off bearings. It contains PTFE (Polytetra Fluoro Ethylene), the most slippery substance known.

"It gives a permanent protective coating to everything it touches and is better known for its use on non-stick saucepans.

A Fiat Strada and VW Golf, with about 40,000 miles on the clock, were treated with Slick 50. A Renault 12 with the same mileage was not.

All three were drained of oil, and run with the sump plug out to ensure no cheating. Led by the former British rally champion, Roger Clark in the Fiat they set off at a steady 40mph, with the aim of completing 50 miles, or the equivalent of London to Brighton. The Renault stopped within a mile, its engine seized up.

The two treated cars ran for one hour 27 minutes completing 50 miles and, according to Mr Mitchell, were then refilled with oil and driven away.

But car manufacturers and motoring organizations were sceptical about claims that Slick 50, which costs between £9 and £12 a bottle, will reduce friction by 40 per cent, and improve petrol consumption and performance by 10 per cent.

Austin Rover said: "Our experience of additives in the past is that there has always been an unwelcome spin-off which may not show up for 50,000 miles. In the case of one very well known additive it was valves becoming gummed up and failing to operate."

The AA and RAC declined to observe the tests because they have a policy of not becoming involved until they have completed independent tests, which are just starting.

The AA said: "We have no doubt this was a very impressive test, but we have reservations, particularly about the fuel-saving claim, until we have done our own tests."

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Nature watchdog creates three new reserves

By Tony Samstag

The Nature Conservancy Council, the Government's environmental watchdog, announced today three new national nature reserves, bringing the total in England, Scotland and Wales to 200.

The reserves are at Dunnet Links and Blar nam Faoilcag, both in Caithness, and Craigbank Wood in the Borders.

Mr William Wilkinson, the chairman of the council, who will attend a ceremony in Kelso, Borders, to celebrate the 200th declaration, said yesterday: "National nature reserves are the key sites in our national heritage which must be passed on intact for future generations to study and enjoy".

Dunnet Links is "the most important site of its kind in the north of Scotland", the council says. Blar nam Faoilcag is of international importance for its highly specialized flora and breeding population of scarce moorland birds, and Craigbank Wood is one of the largest remaining fragments of ancient deciduous forest.

Kidney patient in treatment dispute dies

Derek Sage, the kidney patient whose National Health Service treatment was stopped after doctors said he had "a low quality of life", died yesterday.

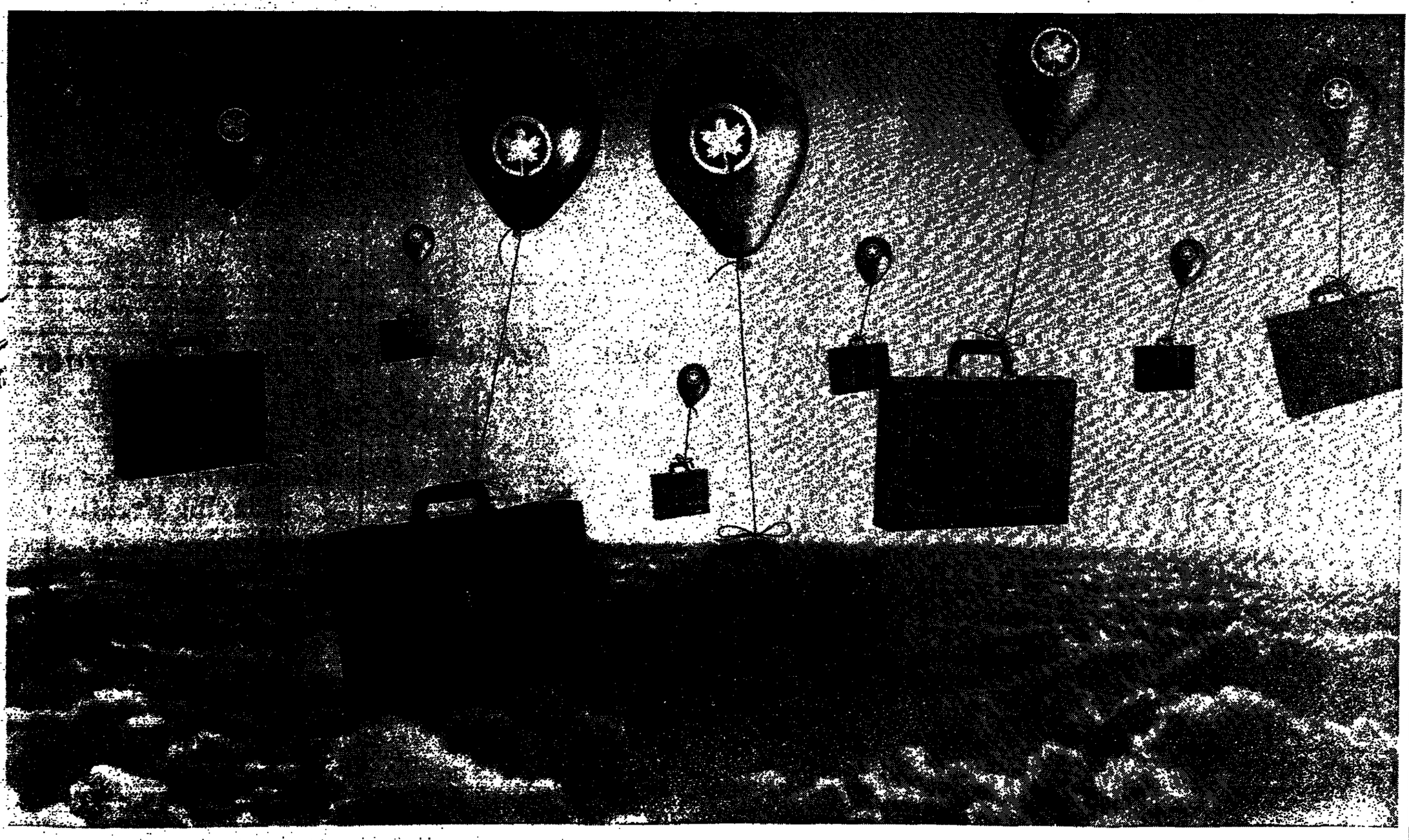
Mr Sage, aged 44, had a stroke on Monday shortly after news of his mother's death was broken to him and he died yesterday at the hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, in north London, where he had been having twice-weekly dialysis, paid for by the British Kidney Patients' Association.

There were protests after the renal unit at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, cut off Mr Sage's treatment over the new year, first citing the quality of his life as a factor

Solicitor ruling

The Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal in London yesterday ordered that Keith Ronald William Hawkins, of Market Street, Newbury, Berkshire, should be struck off after being found guilty of misappropriating clients' money to pay his creditors or to run his practice.

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White House launches drive for cuts in deficit

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Republicans in the Senate moved quickly yesterday to capitalize on President Reagan's nationally televised address appeal for public support for a budget deficit-reduction measure he termed "crucial" to the continued economic health of America.

Mr Robert Dole the majority leader, called an early surprise vote yesterday on a $52 billion deficit reduction package supported by the White House but opposed by Democrats and dissident Republicans.

The President's address and the early Senate vote marked the beginning of a new national campaign to convince a reluctant public to accept the Administration's mix of federal spending cuts which are encountering increasing opposition.

Mr Reagan, reacting to new White House polls which revealed that deficit reduction is becoming a high public priority, urged the electorate to accept the measure, which includes a 3 per cent increase in defence spending but cuts in popular social security benefits.

Calling on the public to join him in the national interest in making "hard choices", Mr Reagan said the "first priority must always be our national security: the Soviets are far more dangerous today than in the 1950s and 1960s."

The televised address, made at the request of Mr Dole who said he did not have the votes to pass the compromise deficit reduction Bill, marked the first time Mr Reagan has injected himself personally into the budget battle.

White House officials, increasingly concerned over the faltering US economy and middle class opposition to domestic spending cuts, had urged the President to use communications skills to build support for the stalled budget package.

Mr Donald Regan, the White House chief of staff, told reporters on Wednesday night that "deficit reduction is now mandatory because the economy is not strong at this time".

The President in his televised address, blamed the deficit on "decades" of uncontrolled federal spending

All our dreams for the future could be wrecked if we do not overcome this one obstacle," Mr Reagan said

But public opinion polls reveal that the public does not appear to be in the mood to make sacrifices.



Queen Victoria Eugenia: Brought home from exile.

An exiled queen is laid to rest

From Richard Wigg
El Escorial, near Madrid

Spain's "English Queen" was brought back here yesterday to be buried among the country's kings and queens in the special vault of the grandiose monastery and royal palace built by Philip II in the 16th century.

Queen Victoria Eugenia, a Battenberg princess born at Balmoral Castle in 1887, who died in exile in Lausanne in 1969, was the wife of King Alfonso XIII, reigning with him in Spain from 1906 until the Second Republic forced the royal family into exile in April, 1931.

She forms the link between Queen Victoria, who was her grandmother, and Spain's Don Juan Carlos I, the present King's father, who, with Queen Sofia, led yesterday's solemn ceremony.

The late queen's body had been flown to Madrid from Switzerland earlier in the week and three of her dead children, Don Alfonso, Don Jaime and Don Gonzalo have now also been returned to Spain for burial at the Escorial.

The Escorial ceremony underlined Don Juan's wish to empasize the continuity of the Spanish monarchy. "Ever since the restoration in November, 1975, it has been the unanimous wish of my son, the King, and of the family that the remains of our loved ones should come to Spain," he declared in a statement

King Alfonso's remains were already brought to the Escorial in 1980 and the royal couple's bones will now lie next to each other in the marble vault.

"She was very much a queen, tall, very good looking and brought up literally in her grandmother's strict Victorian way," Señor Eugenio Vegas, one of the few surviving old monarchists who knew the queen well, told *The Times*. "She followed Spanish politics closely, though she was exemplary in never interfering." Her reign both began and ended dramatically. An anarchist's bomb thrown at the royal couple's carriage as they returned to the palace after the wedding killed 20 people.

"The last night of her reign in the palace with Republican mobs shouting insults and brandishing red flags below frightened her,"

The queen is best remembered here for the boost she gave the country's Red Cross and for introducing into Spain the first women's bathing costumes. These actually revealed part of the leg.

Otherwise she tried hard to fit into the Spanish scene.



Royal homage: King Juan Carlos and queen Sofia (right) with members of the Spanish Cabinet as the casket containing the remains of Spain's 'English Queen' passes on a gun carriage at El Escorial.

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Queen Victoria

Beatrice – Prince Henry of Battenberg

Victoria Eugenia (Ena) – King Alfonso XIII

Don Juan

King Juan Carlos

Nicaraguan aid

President loses all to Congress

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

Congress has ordered an end to all American support of the Contras' guerrilla campaign against Nicaragua. President Reagan's direct backing for the rebel war against the Sandinista Government, at least for now, is officially over.

It is a severe blow for Mr Reagan's Central America policy. The White House at no stage anticipated such a stinging rejection of attempts to bolster the flagging, increasingly desparate rebel army.

In a complex string of votes in recent days the House of Representatives has steadily hardened its stand against Mr Reagan. Late on Wednesday night liberal Democrats in the House even overturned a Democrat-sponsored decision of a few hours earlier to give $14 million of humanitarian aid to "Nicaraguan refugees" – not specifically the Contras. The Aid Bill was finally thrown out in its entirety by 303 votes to 123 with an unlikely coalition of Republicans and liberal Democrats: the Republicans because they were exasperated by the mauling of President Reagan's aid plans, the Democrats because they want a clear, unmistakable end to American entanglement with the Contras.

It will be difficult for the President to consider military aid to the rebels as a viable future option, although a request for $28 million in military assistance has quietly been submitted for the 1986 financial year, which begins on October 1.

The next political initiative seems to rest more with Managua than Washington, although there is intensive discussion in Washington about ossible economic sanctions to pressure Nicaragua to negotiate with the rebels.

President Daniel Ortega, who goes to Moscow later this month to discuss economic aid, has not so far honoured his promise to call a cease-fire if Congress rejected aid for the Contras. The signs are that the Sandinista Army is strongly placed for an assault against the guerrillas.

So desperate is the Contras' need for money and supplies that they were almost completely out of bullets by last Monday, according to a US intelligence source. Two lorry-loads of supplies had since arrived. He added that the main guerrilla camp, known as Las Vegas, is about 100 miles west of the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa.

The main supply base, west of Las Vegas, is known as La Ladosa. The unmade road from there to Las Vegas passes within 25 yards of the border, making the journey fraught with danger. Before a delivery, guerrillas infiltrate into Nicaragua to protect the convoy.

Colour photographs of the camp show families living in tents and ramshackle huts, soldiers with their feet showing through disintegrating boots, and decrepit rifles apparently bought cheaply on the international arms market.

● **MOSCOW:** *Pravda* yesterday applauded Congress for rejecting aid for the Contras, saying it was a serious setback for the President (Richard Owen writes).

It said the congressional vote was all the more significant because the Reagan Administration was trying to overthow the lawful Government of Nicaragua and had made aid to the Contras a basic issue of American foreign policy.

● **MANAGUA:** The Sandinista Government said it will pardon 107 prisoners accused of counter revolutionary activity and 100 Cuban military adviser will leave the country on May 2 (AP *reports*).

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Pope gives audience to Ferraro

Rome (AP) – The Pope received the former former democratic vice-presidential candidate, Ms Geraldine Ferraro, her husband and son in a 10-minute private audience which she described as "an exciting moment for me as a Catholic".

Contrary to custom, the Vatican neither announced the audience in advance nor confirmed it had taken place. Ms Ferraro, whose position on abortion sparked controversy in the campaign, said the issue was not discussed.

Kaunda ally in drug inquiry

Lusaka, Zambia (AP) – Sikota Wina, a long-time political ally of President Kaunda, was being held in a drug-smuggling inquiry yesterday.

He was reported to have surrendered to the police with his wife.

Chanel victory

Seoul (AFP) – The Supreme Court here has ordered a South Korean ballpoint pen maker to stop using the trademark of the French fashion and perfume firm Chanel after a six-year legal battle.

Doctor's dash

Durban (AP) – Dr Essop Jassat, a physician chaged with treason, dashed from the dock to aid a prosecuter who fainted because of working long hours preparing indictments.

Train blaze

Delhi (AFP) – At least six people, three of them children, burnt to death when fire swept through two coaches of a train near Patna in Bihar State, the Press Trust of India reported.

Gulf attacks

Baghdad (Reuter) – Iraq said its aircraft hit two large naval targets, an Iraqi term for tankers, near Iran's main oil terminal at Kharg Island in the Gulf.

Reagan tries to get out of laying wreath

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Despite mounting criticism from Jews, veterans, Congress and his own aides, President Reagan intends to go through with his planned visit to a German military cemetery at Bitburg which contains the graves of Nazi SS storm-troopers. However, plans for him to lay a wreath at the cemetery are under review.

"We are going to Bitburg, period," Mr Donald Regan, the President's chief of staff, told a news conference. But he added that "the ceremony itself is under consideration".

Mr Regan admitted that the President had been "roughed up" by the furore over his Bitburg trip. However, White House aides conceded there was no way he could now get out of the visit unless Chancellor Kohl of West Germany agreed to change Mr Reagan's itinerary – and this Herr Kohl has very determinedly refused to do.

Administration officials noted with some dismay yesterday that Herr Kohl, in a speech to the Bundestag, had made a point of praising Mr Reagan for going ahead with the Bitburg visit, which he described as a "noble gesture".

The President's aides have pleaded with Herr Kohl to cancel the Bitburg ceremony, but without success. Mr Reagan was no more successful when he asked the Chancellor during a telephone conversation last Friday to change the programme for his state visit, which begins next week.

Yesterday almost 200 members of Congress signed a letter to Herr Kohl urging him to reconsider the invitation to the President to visit the cemetery. The visit "had the unintended effect of reopening painful wounds" and had become "an embarrassing incident".

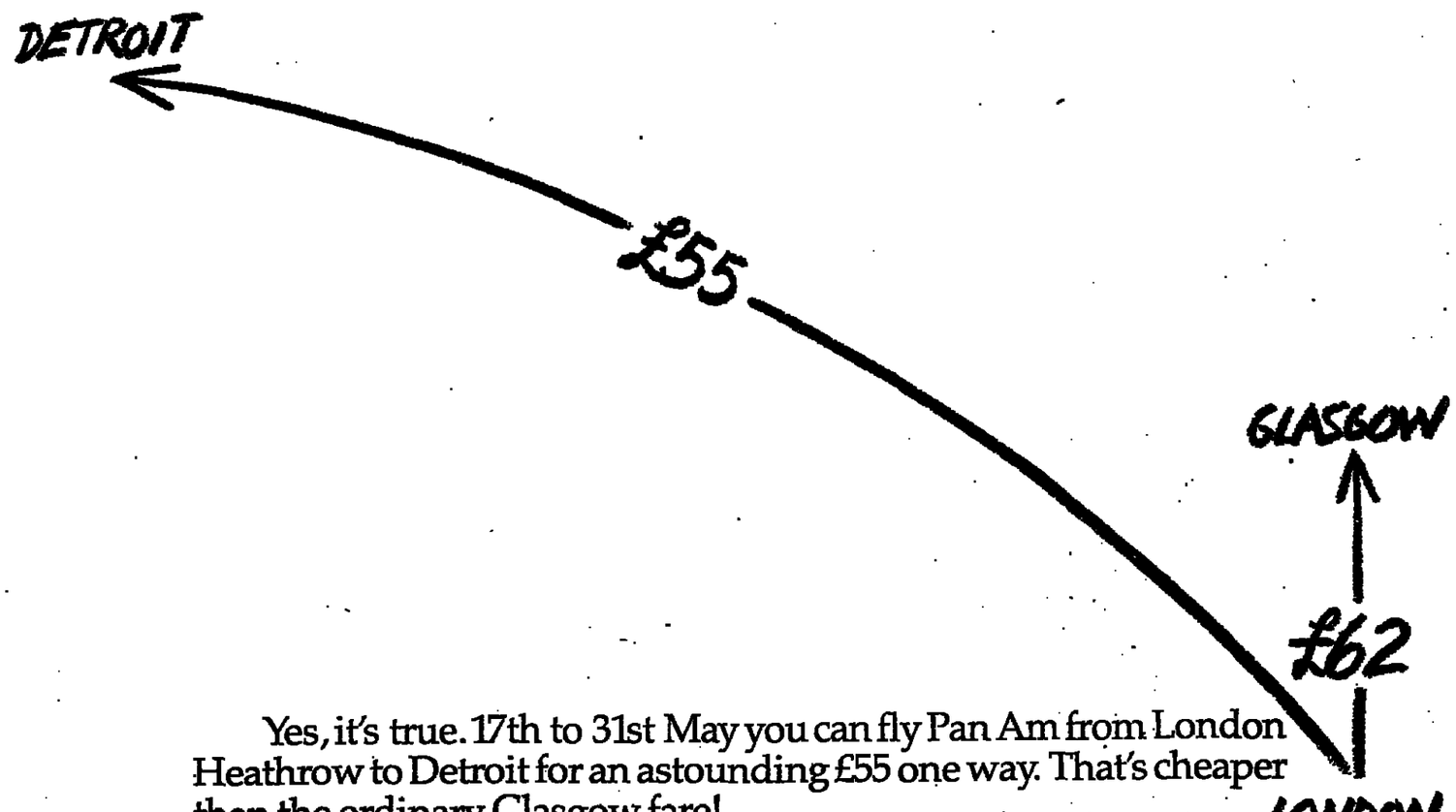
Mr Charles Wick, head of the US Information Agency, and former Chancellor Willy Brandt, have added their voices to those criticizing the visit.

● BONN: Herr Kohl told the Bundestag yesterday he deeply regretted that President Reagan had become involved in "considerable domestic political difficulties" over the visit

It was meant as reconciliation over the graves.

Herr Kohl added that many of the SS men buried in Bitburg were younger than 25 when they died. Many had had no chance to escape being conscripted into the SS formation.

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Syria backs Amal pledge to drive Israeli troops out of Lebanon

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

In the last hours before Israel's military withdrawal from the city of Tyre, both the Syrians and the Lebanese Shia Muslim resistance movement in southern Lebanon have warned that the guerrilla war against Israel is going to continue as long as the Israelis maintain any kind of buffer zone inside the country.

In Damascus, President Assad, describing southern Lebanon as "Israel's Vietnam", told Lebanese Muslim leaders that "no effort should be spared in supporting the nationalist resistance until the Israeli enemy is driven out of all Lebanese territory." The Shia Muslim Amal movement in Beirut said that attacks would be made against Israel itself if Lebanese prisoners taken from the Ansar camp to Israel this month were not released immediately.

Meanwhile, in Sidon yesterday, Palestinian guerrillas loyal to Mr Yassir Arafat ignored the unilateral ceasefire in the city proclaimed by the Phalangists and seized the Christian Maronite suburb of Darb es-Sim together with Lebanese Muslim militiamen. The Christian inhabitants had fled but Palestinians could be seen later making off with stolen furniture and other property.

In Damascus yesterday, President Assad was clearly in ebullient form, having just persuaded Mr Rashid Karami, the Lebanese Prime Minister, to withdraw his resignation and maintain at least the facade of a national coalition Cabinet in Beirut. But the very credibility of that weak Government was called into question at once yesterday when a fierce artillery duel broke out between Christian and Muslim militias across the Beirut front line, killing at least seven people, including a woman, and badly wounding a baby.

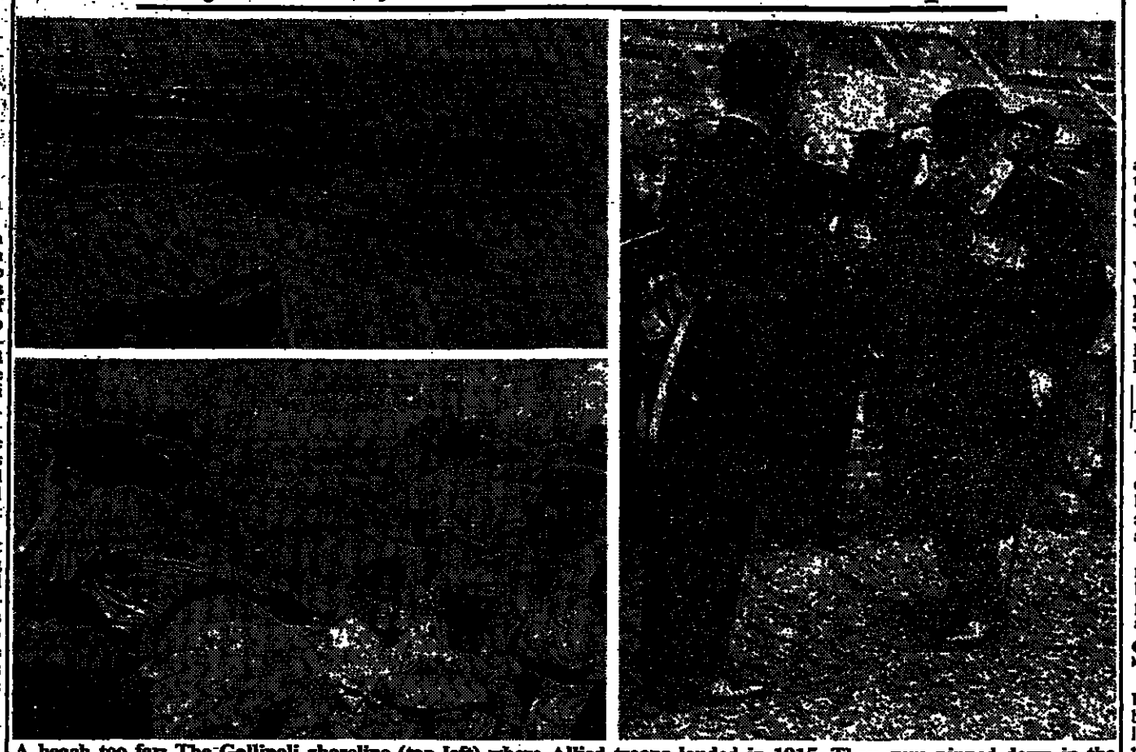
Mr Nabih Berri, the Shia Muslim Amal leader, Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader – even Mr Nazih Bizzri, the Sunni Muslim parliamentary deputy for Sidon – had gone to Damascus to agree with the Syrian President that peace should be restored to west Beirut after the militia battles last week and that government troops again should take control of the streets. Yesterday afternoon however, shells were exploding in the Shia Wadi Abu Jamil district, while sniper fire was directed at the Druze Ein Mreisse seafront corniche.

President Assad's enthusiasm for a continued guerrilla war in southern Lebanon will have to be taken seriously. While he has apparently no intention of committing Syrian troops to such an undertaking, he evidently believes that Israil should not be allowed to create the buffer zone which the Israeli Army is now constructing. Numerous warnings from Lebanese Shia Muslim groups have been sent to villagers in what is to become the Israeli-controlled area along the international frontier that they should not collaborate with the Israilis.

This means that the conflict in the south of Lebanon is going to go on so long as Israel maintains its own proxy Lebanese militias there. Amal's threat to take the struggle into Israel itself unless the Lebanese prisoners are released has presumably received Syria's approval

● **KUWAIT:** The PLO chief, Mr Yassir Arafat disclosed yesterday that PLO guerrillas have returned to southern Lebanon even before the Israilis complete their withdrawal (AP reports).

70 years on, veterans remember Gallipoli



A beach too far: The Gallipoli shoreline (top left) where Allied troops landed in 1915. They were pinned down in the trenches (above) and 10,500 died. Among the survivors was Major Verschoyle, MC, of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (right above) who attended yesterday's memorial ceremony at the Cenotaph in London (Photograph: Chris Harris).

US 'stealth' project so secret it does not exist

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

The US Air Force is secretly test flying a new fighter aircraft, known as the F19, constructed with radar-evading "stealth" technologies.

The project is so secret that the Pentagon is not even prepared to confirm the existence of prototypes. When asked about the F19 a Pentagon spokesman said: "No such aircraft exists. We have nothing to say about this."

However, aviation sources say the aircraft is being developed by the Lockheed Corporation and several prototypes have been flown from a secret air base in the Nevada Desert. It is believed that two of them have crashed.

One aviation expert said: "There have been enough sightings of the aircraft to confirm that it does exist. It's been around for about two years. But no one in the Air Force is prepared to talk about it."

The aircraft is described as being small and having delta wings. If given the green light, it would be used for ground attack

Stealth techniques are intended to make an aircraft practically invisible to enemy radar. The Reagan Administration is going ahead with a long-range stealth bomber which will eventually succeed the controversial B1

There is some debate whether the Air Force would be justified in going ahead with production of the F19. The aircraft would cost billions of dollars to produce and yet its performance might be adversely affected by the structural techniques designed to make it practically invisible.

The secrecy surrounding the new aircraft is to prevent the Russians who are developing their own stealth aircraft, from finding out how much progress the US has made in developing stealth technologies.

45 top arms suppliers investigated

From Nicholas Ashford
Washington

Forty-five of America's 100 largest military contractors are under criminal investigation by the Defence Department for improper billing of overhead expenses and other alleged financial irregularities, according to Mr Joseph Sherick, the Pentagon's Inspector-General.

Mr Sherick told a congressional committee which is investigating $244 million (£195 million) of improper overhead charges by General Dynamics that "anybody who quotes me as saying things are good need their bolts tightened".

He did not name any of the companies under investigation. However, in recent months Pratt and Whitney, as well as General Dynamics have been the subject of grand jury investigations.

Pilgrimage by Australian and Turkish survivors

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

Memories of bitter fighting were described yesterday as the seeds of a close friendship between Turkey, Australia and New Zealand in a ceremony at Gallipoli to commemorate the landing 70 years ago of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (Anzac) as part of the ill-fated Allied Expeditionary Force in the First World War.

Eight Australian veterans and three Turks who survived the fighting attended the ceremony, at which the shore where two divisions of Allied soldiers landed was re-named Anzac Cove. They visited the Allied cemeteries where 46,000 men – including 10,000 Anzacs – are buried.

Mr Abdullah Tenekeci, the Turkish Minister representing the Government, noted that the first contact between the three nations in Gallipoli gave rise to a lasting friendship which he hoped would set an example for others.

Mr Arthur Gietzelt, the Australian Minister of Veteran Affairs, said the fighting had been instrumental in the emergence of a consciousness for national sovereignty for all three peoples.

"In those days of slow and primitive communications, it was inevitable for people living in isolated countries to regard the entry to the war as a great event and an exhiliarating adventure. But Gallipoi sobered us overnight from this dangerous and romantic dream and gave rise to a resolve to control our own destiny and determine our own role in international affairs."

Mr Adil Sahin, a Turk who was among the defenders, recalled that as he was trying to pick up the silhouettes of ships approaching the coast in the dark, the sky was suddenly lit up by exploding shells. He recounted that Turks had, thrown raisins and fruits to the Anzac trenches and received cigarettes and biscuits in return.

Courage that forged national identity

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Seventy years ago yesterday some 70,000 allied troops landed on the Gallipoli peninsula, in a campaign whose tragic futility has won for it a special place even in that conflict of lost causes, the First World War.

That which has come to be known by the single word Gallipoli started as a naval expedition to neutralize Turkey, relieve pressure on Russia, save Serbia, threaten the Habsburg empire and break the deadlock on the western front.

Far from succeeding, it created something very much like the Western front, made worse by the soaring escarpments and plunging ravines, the heat, the flies, the cramped conditions, the disease and putrefaction.

There were, however, a number of benefits. Lessons on military staffwork were learnt the hard way; the final evacuation was brilliant and the heroic role played by Australian and New Zealand (Anzac) troops helped to forge their national identities.

A collection of letters, diaries and photographs of those who were there has just been published by Peter Liddle, senior lecturer in history at Sunderland Polytechnic, who has built up archive material from more than 3,500 1914-18 veterans, in *Gallipoli 1915: Pens, pencils and cameras at war* (Brasseys £10.95).

It was hard for those who were there to see the campaign in a positive light. A New Zealander, Cecil Malthus, who is quoted by Mr Liddle, wrote of Quinn's Post, in the Anzac sector, where men seven yards apart hurled bombs at each other. "To lie cowering in the darkness of this cramped and evil-smelling pit and watch a big bomb sputtering among the corpses right against our look-hole, waiting for the burst, was an experience that no man could endure unmoved."

Terrorist leader arrested in Rome

Rome (AP) – Police have arrested a leading Red Brigade terrorist convicted in absentia of kidnapping US Brigadier General James Dozier in Verona in 1981.

Vittorio Antonini, aged 29, who was sentenced to 27 years, was detained with two suspected Red Brigade terrorists and a terrorist supporter in San Vito, 18 miles south of here. Hand grenades, pistols and leaflets were also seized.

Artificial heart patient dies

Louisville, Kentucky (Reuter) - Jack Burcham, who became the world's fifth mechanical heart recipient 10 days ago, has died in hospital here.

Mr Burcham, at 62 the oldest man to undergo the operation, had suffered from kidney problems and was on a respirator when he died.

Symbol dropped

Cincinnati, Ohio (AP) – Procter & Gamble, which has battled against rumours of a link between its moon-and-stars trademark and satanism, says it will gradually eliminate the 103-year-old logo as packages are redesigned.

Tour opposed

Wellington (Reuter) – A television survey of New Zealanders showed 64 per cent wanted the All-Blacks rugby tour to South Africa to be stopped. Only 30 per cent were in favour.

Guilty verdicts

Pensacola, Florida (Reuter) – Two men aged 21 were found guilty here of the Christmas Day bombings of three abortion clinics, and two women were convicted as co-conspirators. Sentencing was set for May 30.

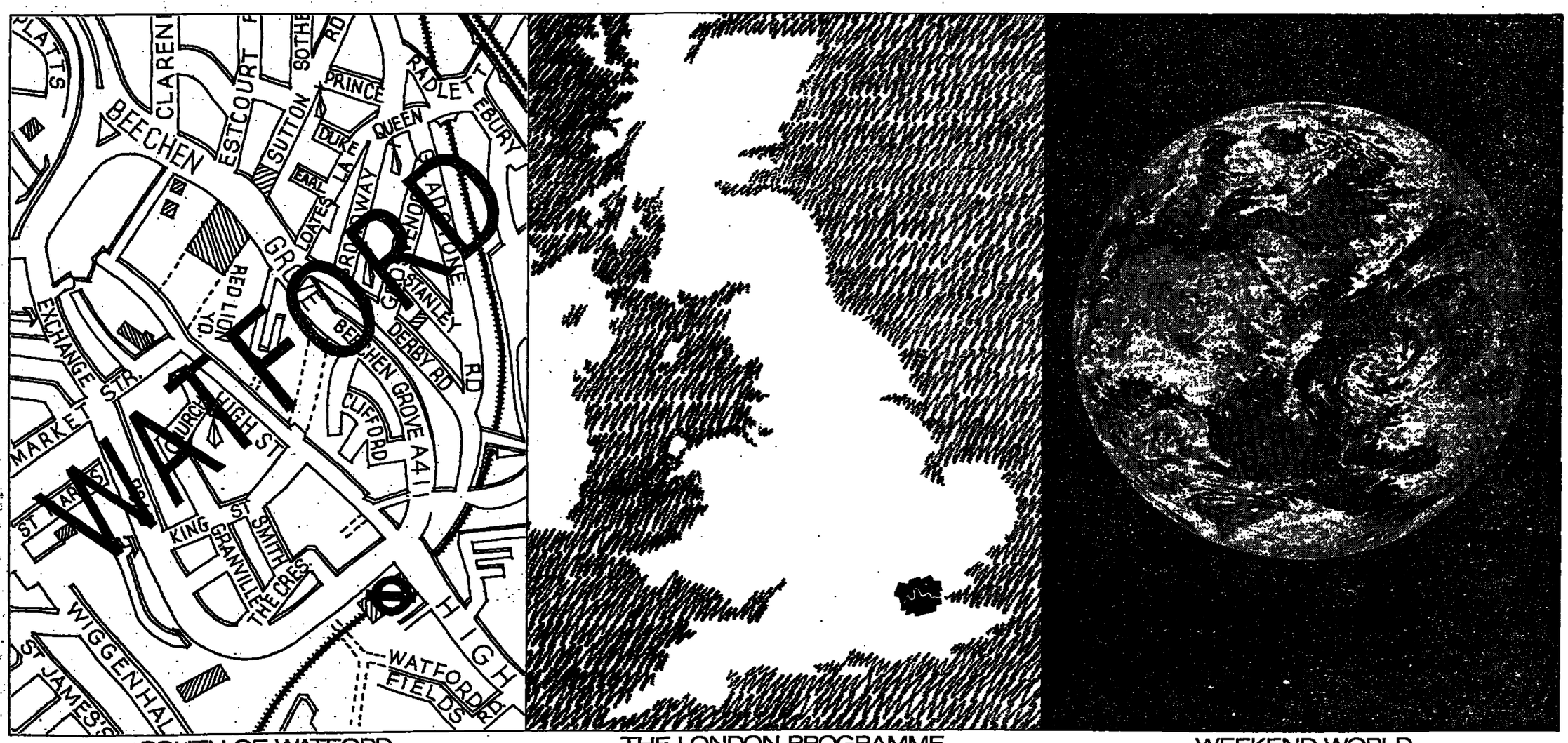
Neves farewell

San Joao del Rei (AP) – Brazil's President-elect, Tancredo Neves, was buried here where he began his political career after a delay of more than five hours so that tens of thousands of mourning Brazilians could bid their final farewell.

Hess turns 91

West Berlin (Reuter) – Rudolf Hess, the former deputy to Adolf Hitler held in Spandau jail, is 91 today. He can expect a cake from his warders and a visit from his wife.

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Fear of 'no' vote forces Paris to delay poll on Caledonia independence

From Diana Geddes, Paris

France is to abandon any attempt to hold a vote on self-determination in its Pacific territory of New Caledonia until after the French general election next spring, because it fears a rejection of its proposals for the territory's independence.

Under the plan presented by M Edgard Pisani, the French High Commissioner to New Caledonia, a vote on self-determination was to have been held this summer to allow the territory to move to full independence by the new year.

It has become increasingly clear over recent months that a majority of the islands' 145,000 population were opposed to any form of independence, however hedged around with conditions and guarantees. A "no" vote on proposals so clearly backed by President Mitterrand would have been a severe blow for the Government so soon before a general election, and also would almost certainly have unleashed renewed violence by the Kanak separatists.

The Government has therefore decided to postpone the vote on self-determination, but has given an undertaking, to be enshrined in a proposed law on New Caledonia, that a vote will be held by December 31, 1987 at the latest on the Pisani proposals for independence coupled with a contract of association with France.

The Kanak National Socialist Liberation Front, the main separatist organization, is aware of the dangers of too early a poll. It appears ready to accept the postponement provided President Mitterrand can guarantee that a vote will be held by the promised date, regardless of the attitude of what is expected to be a right-wing government in Paris after the 1986 elections. The French Opposition has made clear its total rejection of independence for New Caledonia.

After an emergency Cabinet meeting in Paris yesterday, M Laurent Fabius, the Prime Minister, announced that a Bill would be presented to Parliament within the next few weeks to abolish the present, white-dominated and staunchly anti-independence Territorial Assembly, and replace with four directly-elected regional councils would in their turn nominate representatives to a new territorial "congress". Elections would be held in August.

The proposed new structure, intended to last only until a vote on self-determination can be held, would give the indigenous Kanaks, who form 43 per cent of the population, self-government in at least part of the islands, and possibly even a majority in the new territorial congress.

On the other hand, the white *Caldoches* of French origin, who form 37 per cent of the population, would be certain to maintain control over the capital, Noumea, where most of the whites live.

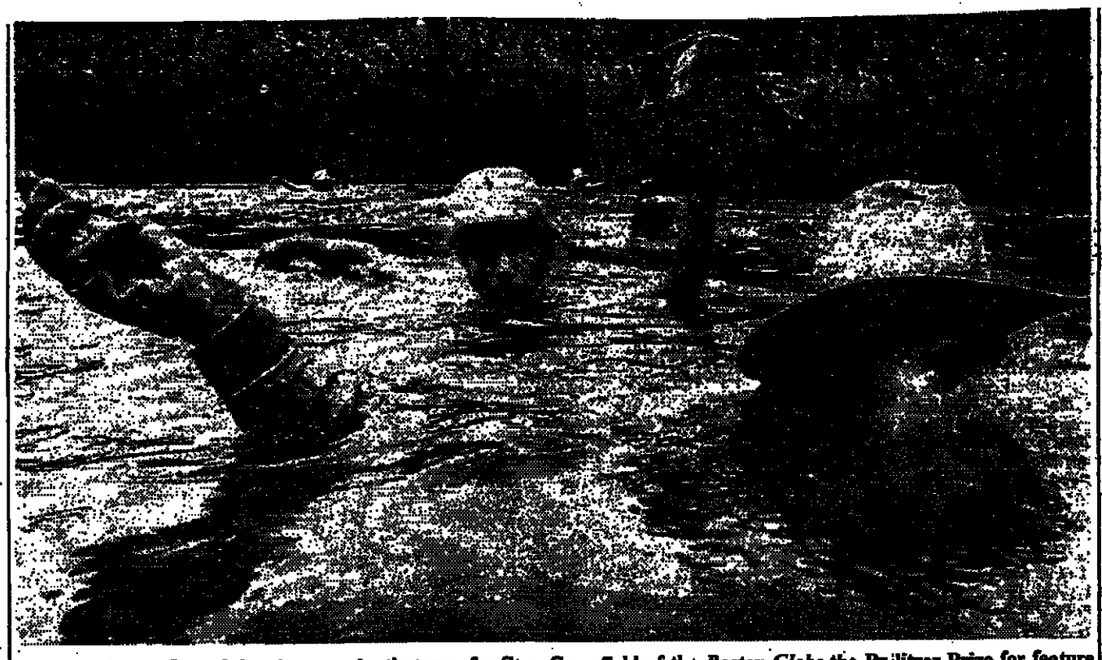
The interim measures are similar to proposals for dividing the islands into three or four autonomous regions within the French Republic, put forward last March by M Dick Ukeiwe, Gaullist president of the Territorial Assembly. The Government evidently hopes that this will make its plan more acceptable to M Ukwiwe than the Pisani plan, which he rejected out of hand and steadfastly refused even to discuss.

However, M Ukeiwe and his party are sure to be outraged by the plan to abolish the Territorial Assembly, in which they hold more than four-fifths of the seats, and which was only set up five months ago.

Wide-ranging economic, social and cultural reforms will be included in the Bill, as will measures to reinforce France's military base in Noumea, as promised by President Mitterrand in January. M Fabius called the Government's proposals a "gamble on reason", and called for "a spirit of toleration" from all interested parties.



M Ukeiwe: Outrage likely over interim measures.



Pulitzer winner: One of the photographs that won for Stan Grossfield of the *Boston Globe* the Pulitzer Prize for feature photography. It is one of a series showing the desperate lengths to which people go to cross the Mexican border illegally into the United States.

Palme denies plan to build A-bomb

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

The Swedish Prime Minister, Mr Olof Palme, yesterday denied that he was a member of an "inner circle" of the Socialist establishement which permitted research that would have given his country its own nuclear weapons.

The programme was to protect Sweden from nuclear weapons, he said. "I know nothing about an inner circle". But he had ordered the Defence Minister, Mr Anders Thunborg, to investigate the allegations, contained in an article in *Ny Teknik*, Sweden's leading technical weekly newspaper.

It alleged that a research programme to give Sweden nuclear weapons had continued for 18 years after Parliament had voted against it in 1957.

It claimed underground tests involving small amounts of weapons-grade plutonium – imported from Britain and France – had been carried out near Stockholm in 1972, two years after Sweden signed a non-proliferation treaty.

The article's author, Mr Christer Larsson, told *The Times*: "Sweden built a neutron pulse generator, which would act as the final trigger for a nuclear warhead". Sweden had also built a prototype nuclear implosion device. "To say that you have to build an H-bomb to protect yourself from one is absurd."

Mr Palme said he had no knowledge of such devices having been made in Sweden.

"... I can, with great clarity, deny that plans have been made to construct nuclear weapons in this country."

● UPPSALA, SWEDEN: The Soviet Union's second underground nuclear test this year was recorded from Semipalatinsk in eastern Kazakhstan, the university seismological institute said here (AFP reports).

Luce leads the way to Sudan

By Henry Stanhope
Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, will become the first Western minister to have direct contact with the new Government in Sudan when he visits Khartoum next week.

He is expected to discuss Sudan's economic and refugee problems with the new ruler, General Abdul-Rahman Swar al-Dahab.

After two days in Sudan Mr Luce will spend May 1 in Cairo and May 2-4 in Tunisia, where he will meet senior ministers and possibly the President.

The Foreign Office said he would also have talks with the Arab League.

Officials travelling with him are expected to have parallel talks with representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization, but it is not known whether these will include Mr Yassir Arafat.

Whitehall sources emphasized that while British ministers do not deal with the PLO, there is quite frequent contact between the organization and Foreign Office diplomats.

● Two MPs called for international support for Sudan after meeting General Swar al-Dahab in Khartoum yesterday (the Press Association reports).

Mr Mark Fisher (Lab, Stoke-on-Trent Central), and Mr Colin Moynihan (Con, Lewisham East) were the first Western politicians to meet the general. They discussed the drought and famine threatening more than 1.5 million Sudanese with starvation, the country's internal political problems and its crippling debts.

The general told the MPs that the famine crisis would worsen if shortages in food and seed were not made up within the next six to eight weeks.

● KHARTOUM: A new, largely civilian government was sworn in yesterday to administer Sudan under military control during a one-year transition to fulll civilian rule.

Dr Guzuli Dafalla, the Prime Minister, and his 14 ministers held their first Cabinet moments after taking an oath to lead the country towards democracy.

Bootlegger battles add to violence in Gujarat

From Michael Hamlyn
Ahmedabad

The death toll in Gujarat has risen to 60 since the beginning of caste agitation two months ago. Two people were killed yesterday when police opened fire to disperse a mob of 3,000 in a mainly-Sikh area.

The violence has now long since ceased to have anything to do with the original agitation, which sought to put a stop to discrimination in favour of backward castes in education and employment. Not only are Sikhs and Hindus at each other's throats, but Hindus and Muslims, and even Sunni and Shia Muslims have been attacking each other.

A good deal of the violence has to do with rival gangs of bootleggers fighting it out. Gujarat, thanks to its Gandhian antecedents – the Mahatma was born in the state, had an ashram here – is a dry state, but a flourishing trade in smuggled and illicitly distilled liquor exists.

In February a drinking tragedy caused the deaths of 30 people and strongly discouraged attendance at the speakeasies where illicit liquor was sold.

As a result, when a police inspector arrived recently to collect his *hafta* (an Urdu word meaning literally a week, which has come to mean any payment by instalments and even, in this case, a bribe) the till was bare.

No *hafta*, no protection. The police raided the speakeasy a few nights later, but the owner gathered a large number of his friends and protected himself. The police, driven off, returned with reinforcements, but were again driven off and retreated into a nearby settlement, pursued by the bootleggers, who where Muslims. The settlement was Hindu, the inhabitants saw the gang of Muslims coming and a riot began.

Some nights later a Hindu waiting at a bus stop thought he had had his pocket picked and seized the young boy next to him, summoned help and had him carted off to the nearest police station. The boy was a Muslim and his friends, seeing him whisked away by Hindus, thought he had been kidnapped. So another riot began.

It is at moments like these that an active, well-disciplined police force is necessary. Alas, it was at just such a moment that the police themselves rioted over the death of one of their colleagues and those who did not rampage left their posts.

"The pay scales for a policeman are miserable," said Commissioner Surendra Singh, commandant of the State Reserve Police, a mobile force of paramilitaries.

"They are grossly overworked, they put in 14 or 16 hours a day, in time of emergency more than that. They are on the footpaths for days and nights, without days off, sometimes for months. They don't get home, they sleep at their posts. Sometimes they don't get home for six months."

Another official, also trying to explain the police riot, said: "In the narrow streets of the old town they have to stay at their posts, despite people throwing boiling water at them, often mixed with chilli powder. And at the same time they see young university-educated youths throwing stones at them and getting away with it. They feel entitled to react."

Bandung meeting attacks South Africa and Israel

From Our Correspondent, Jakarta

The anniversary of the first Asia-Africa conference ended yesterday with scathing attacks on Israel and South Africa but otherwise lacklustre communiqué that many delegates considered repetition of expressions aired 30 years ago.

Stealing the limelight was the Chinese foreign Minister, Wu Xueqian, who met for an hour with his indonesian counterpart, Dr Mochtar Jusumaathmadja, in the first official, high-ranking contact between the two countries in 18 years.

Mr Wu had told delegates that China had no design on its Asian neighbours, and appeared ready for a meeting with Indonesia's President Suharto whose government has yet to regognize China.

Cambodia's Prince Norodom Sihanouk, though absent, had delegates and journalists glued to their radios during the two-day conference, with an announcement that he wanted to resign as head of the Cambodian resistance movement.

Prince Sihanouk, like the Vietnamese Prime Minister, Mr Pham Van Dong, stayed away from the conference to avoid threatening possible consensus and harmony there.

South Africa and Israel, however, were solidly condemned, with calls of international support for the cause of the South-West African People's Organization (SWAPO) and the Palestinian Liberation Organization, both of whom were represented.

Royal couple sail south for FAO visit

Livorno, Italy (Reuter) – The Prince and Princess of Wales rejoined the royal yacht Britannia yesterday to sail for Rome and the second week of their 17-day Italian tour.

Before leaving Florence they received police chiefs and security officials responsible for their safety. The couple were seen off from the sixteenth century villa where they have been staying by the Mayor.

They were driven to this western port to board the Britannia.

Prince Charles will call today on the presidents of the two houses of Parliament in Rome. After a lunch given by the Prime Minister, Signor Bettino Craxi, the royal couple will visit the headquarters of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization.

Reagan Bill would delay sanctions vote

Washington – In an attempt to precpt the growing momentum in Congress for sanctions against South Africa, the Reagan Administration has tabled a Bill that would increase aid to South African blacks while putting off a decision on punitive measures against the apartheid Government for two years (Nicholas Ashford writes).

The Bill, introduced by Senator Richard Lugar, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, would give the President until March 1987 to decide whether South Africa had made "significant progress" towards ending apartheid.

It lists a number of steps it would like Pretoria to take, such as the abolition of pass laws, the ending of the migrant labour system, and an improvement in black housing.

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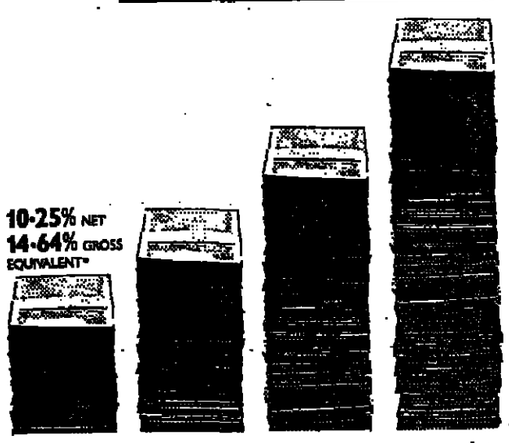
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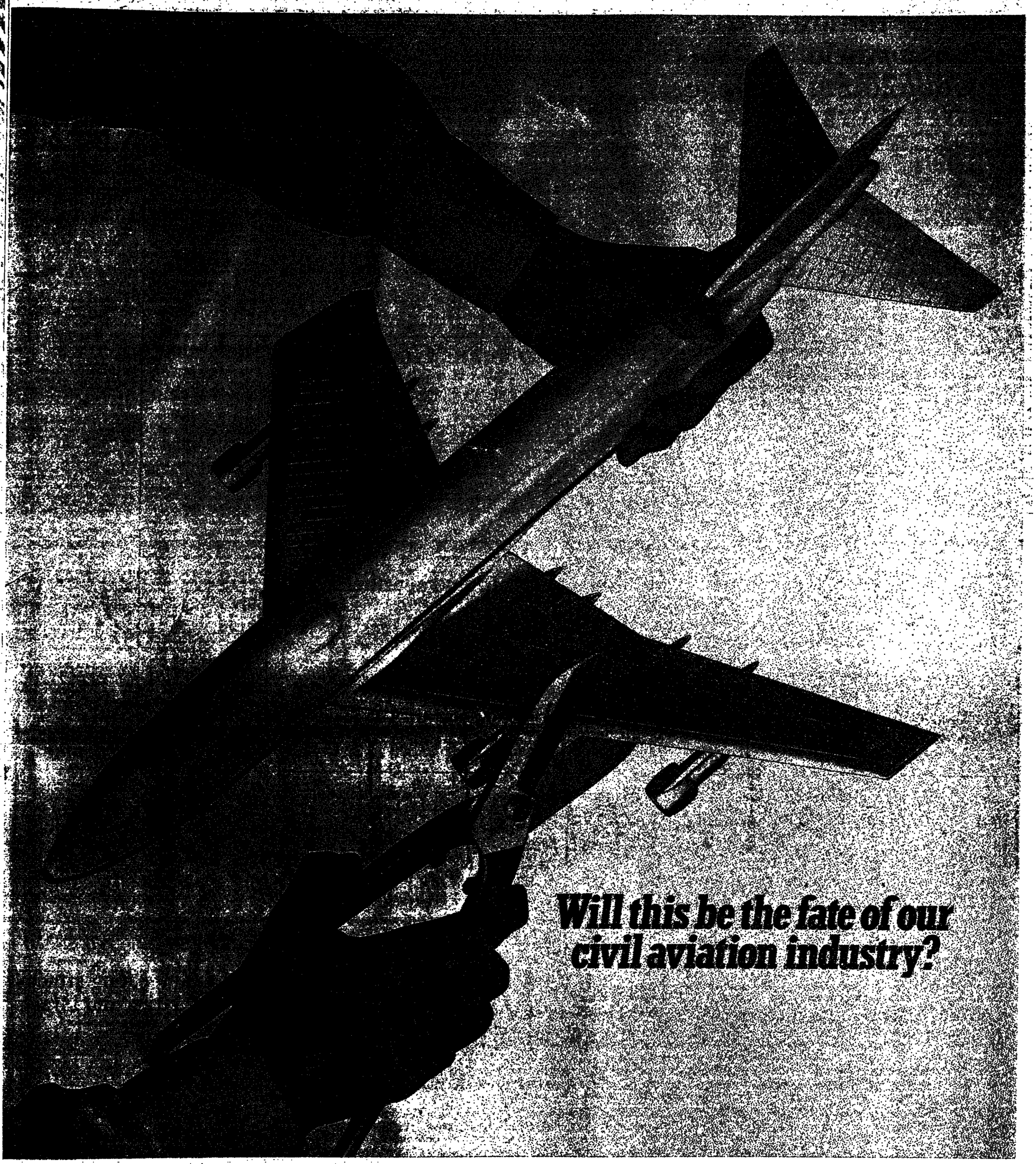
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It concluded that the London airport system (of Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton and Stansted) can remain at the centre of the world's airline industry only if it expands.

The report forecast that by the next decade the demand can only be met by an increased capacity in the south-east, which means expanding Stansted Airport and building a fifth terminal at Heathrow.

Every effort should be made to develop the regional airports, but their expansion alone could not meet the future demands of the south-east.

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Gould collection makes a world record £26.5m in New York

From Geraldine Norman, New York

Impressionist paintings and drawings from the Florence J. Gould collection were sold at Sotheby's in New York on Wednesday for $32.6 million (about £26.5 million), the largest sum ever raised from the auction of a single collection. Van Gogh's vista of a cornfield entitled "Landscape with Rising Sun" sold for $9.9 million (*estimate $6 million to $8* million), the highest price ever recorded for an Impressionist painting.

More than 2,000 people obtained tickets to the auction by allowing their credit worthiness to be screened, but most of them did not bid.

Sotheby's had succeeded in turning the auction into a big social occasion, which was what Mrs Gould had wanted. But this hardly affected bidding. There were 23 paintings sold below pre-sale estimates and 18 sold above them. Three minor paintings failed to find buyers. This was not the sensational result that Sotheby's had spent $1 million to achieve.

Mrs Gould married into a big fortune based on building American railroads. Her husband, Mr Frank Gould, moved on to popularize the French Riviera, making a new fortune in the process. When he died in 1953, his widow bought the large villa, El Patio, outside Cannes and filled it with 18th century furnishings and Impressionist pictures.

The paintings were bought with the advice of Daniel Wildenstein, the great art dealer. He steered her into buying pictures of great charm but little significance in art history. None of them attracted bids from museums and only a few from dealers. Most were bought by American private collectors. Three or four went to Japan, a couple to England and four to Arabs living in Europe.

A striking though unfinished portrait by Toulouse-Lautrec of "La Clownesse Cha-u-kao" made $5.28 million (estimate $2.5 million to $3.5 million) to a European collector. The most charming of minor Lautrecs, an unfinished sketch of "A Little Dog" sold for $165,000 (estimate $80,000 to $100,000).

Collectors bid above expectation for most of the Lautrecs. The other artists treated with special favour were Bonnard and Fantin-Latour, whose works would normally be considered pretty but predictable and second-rank.

Bonnard's "Nu Assis" made $352,000 (estimate $180,000 to $250,000), while a flower still life by Fantin, "Fleurs d'Eté", made $528,000 (estimate $200,000 to $250,000).

There were seven auction price records including those paid for the Van Gogh, the Lautrec portrait, a Courbet flower still life ($1.21 million) and a Pissarro snow scene ($935,000).

Proceeds of the sale go to a foundation to encourage Franco-American amity, which was established by Mrs Gould.

On Wednesday afternoon, Sotheby's sold Francis Webster's library, which made $1.4 million with 8 per cent left *unsold*.

The star turn was a first folio edition of Shakespeare's plays, which sold for $638,000 (estimate $300,000 to $400,000). Published in 1623, it contains the first printing of 18 plays and the best of several others. No work of English literature ever fetched a higher price.

Webster was a Oscar-winning Hollywood lyricist who died last year. He had set out to document Western thought

Webster had an unusually wide representation of English literature, a field which fell from favour among collectors after the Second World War. A league table of prices paid for first editions of famous works provides a fascinating mirror of literary fashion.

Daniel Defoe – *Robinson Crusoe* $17,600.
Mary Shelley – *Frankenstein* $17,600.
Charles Dickens – *Pickwick Papers* $16,500.
Harriet Stowe – *Uncle Tom's Cabin* $5,500.
Herman Melville – *Moby Dick* $5,500.
Charlotte Bronte – *Jane Eyre* $2,750.
William Thackeray – *Vanity Fair* $2,750.
Jane Austen – *Pride and Prejudice* $2,750.
James Boswell – *Life of Samuel Johnson* $2,530.
Henry Fielding – *History of Tom Jones* $1,760.
Walter Scott – *Ivanhoe* $522.



Glimpse of genius: Details of paintings from the Florence Gould collection sold in New York (left to right) – Bonnard's "Nu Assis", "L'Assommoir" and "*La Clownesse Cha-u-Kao*" by Toulouse-Lautrec

Air safety admission by Madrid

From Harry Debelius
Madrid

Absolute air safety could not be achieved, and the Spanish people ought to know it, the Transport Minister, Señor Enrique Barón, told Parliament.

He was speaking only hours *after an incident at Madrid's* Barajas airport in which the pilot of an Iberia 727 had to abort a landing because, when *he was only one mile away, he* saw another Iberia plane on the runway he had been instructed to use, according to a report *yesterday*.

Parliament has approved the report of an all-party committee which absolves the Government *of any responsibility for* two crashes at Barajas in 1983 in which more than 270 died.

Conservative members of the *committee disagreed with conclusions*. A member of the right-wing Popular Alliance party, Señor José Antonio Trillo, claimed the Aviance crash on November 27, 1983, might have been averted.

Señor Manuel Abejon, spokesman for the Socialist committee members, accused critics of Spanish air safety of harming the national interest.

Pope condemns Godard film

From Our Own Correspondent, Rome

In an unprecedented move seen widely as giving strong encouragement to extreme conservative forces within the Roman Catholic Church, the Pope has condemned a film about the Virgin Mary directed by the French film-maker, Jean-Luc Godard.

Supporters of Archbishop Marcel Lefèbvre, who was suspended for disobedience by the late Pope Paul VI have picketed the cinema in Rome where the film *Je Vous Salute, Marie* is showing.

The Pope's apparent endorsement of their disapproval has come in a lengthy telegram to Cardinal Poletti, the vicar for the Rome diocese, deploring Godard's work and commending a prayer meeting in honour of the Virgin Mary attended by about 1,000 people.

The nearest precedent is the attack launched against Frederico Fellini's *La Dolce Vita* two decades ago, but that was delivered by the Catholic press, not by the Pope.

Sections of the Catholic press have been respectful towards Godard's film. Both Italy's leading newspapers yesterday described the attack as anachronistic; *Corriere della Sera* spoke of a medieval outlook, and *La Stampa* talked of pre-conciliar attitudes.

The most important difference between the two attacks is that the *La Dolce Vita* incident occurred before the Second Vatican Council produced a more tolerant look to Roman Catholicism.

The Papal move has caused shock because it follows other actions by the Pope regarding Italian affairs which have aroused perplexity.

Last week he told a national conference of leading Church figures that Catholics should vote united in political elections.

The Pope has also given encouragement, during a brief but well-publicized meeting, to a group of politicians representing the extreme right in Europe.

Right rallies behind apartheid laws

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The strength of conservative white opposition to the abolition of the laws banning sex and marriage across the colour line has been demonstrated in Pretoria at a rally organized by two extreme right-wing parties.

Some 3,000 people - a large number for a South African political meeting - crammed into Pretoria City Hall on Wednesday night to hear ringing speeches upholding the right of Afrikaners to defend themselves against the "mixing of blood".

Dr Andries Treurnicht, a former Cabinet minister who formed the breakaway Conservative Party three years ago, was presented with a petition signed by 25,000 people protesting against the repeal

The Bill abolishing the laws is to have its second reading before a joint sitting of the white, Indian and mixed-race chambers of Parliament next Monday. Only the Conservative Party, which has 18 of the 178 seats in the white chamber, is opposed.

The rally was significant in that it united Dr Treurnicht with Mr Jaap Harais, leader of the even more fanatical Herstigte Nasionale Party, which has a popular following but no seats in Parliament.

Botswana waits for the rain

From Jan Raath
Gaberone

While most of central Africa prepares to harvest crops dramatically boosted by the end of an extended regional drought, Botswana has passed through another very dry year without relief.

The past four rainy seasons have been disastrous. In a good year a meagre total of 7,000 tonnes of grain was marketed by the country's 90,000 farmers. The population of about one million, mostly crowded into a narrow belt along the eastern border with Zimbabwe, annually consumes 200,000 tonnes.

This year the rains came in January but disappeared after a few weeks. It has not rained since. A wave of unseasonal frost in early April struck in the extreme south of Botswana where 80 per cent of the country's grain is produced. The damage is feared to be serious.

Starvation tends not to be a feature of drought years, because the people use money raised by selling cattle to the country's sophisticated beef exporting industry to buy food.

However, agriculture officials are concerned that the quantity of grazing land is shrinking

An ill wind blows on culture in Poland

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

Shortly before curtain-up, the company of the Theatre of the Eighth Day strolled towards the Wroclaw church where they were to enact writings and sketches about Russian persecution, life in the Gulag and the hope that comes from suffering.

The theatre, based in Poznan, has a strong reputation in Poland for tackling politically sensitive subjects, dismantling them, and explaining the mysteries of power to eager audiences of young people and workers.

The company has repeatedly been refused permission to take part in international theatre festivals and last year was formally banned by the authorities. Now it performs in the border zone of legality, in churches.

As the cast approached their makeshift theatre police appeared and half of them were pushed into vans. At the militia station they were questioned, shouted at, but mainly left to sweat until long after the time set for the performance.

The remainder of the company, about a dozen, had scurried away to the shelter of the church as they saw the start of the police action and later staged an abbreviated version of the piece.

The *incident*, which has just come to light, took place a week ago and is symptomatic of a new cultural wind in Poland. *Film screenplays* are being written, translated and then suddenly dropped because of unexplained political intervention; relatively daring productions, plays which make reference to martial law or attack by allegory, are disappearing.

The members of Theatre of the Eighth Day are phlegmatic about the brief arrest: they have grown up with harassment and if it hurts a little now it is because they remember the crowded theatres of Solidarity days.

More significant is that the incident coincided with the beginning of a Polish-Soviet week of culture and the invasion of Warsaw by hordes of Soviet actors, dancers and directors expressing daily on television their loud loyalty to the socialist system. To empty cinemas, Soviet films such as *Hot Summer in Kabul* are playing throughout Warsaw. That is a disturbing straw in the wind for the Polish cultural milieu.

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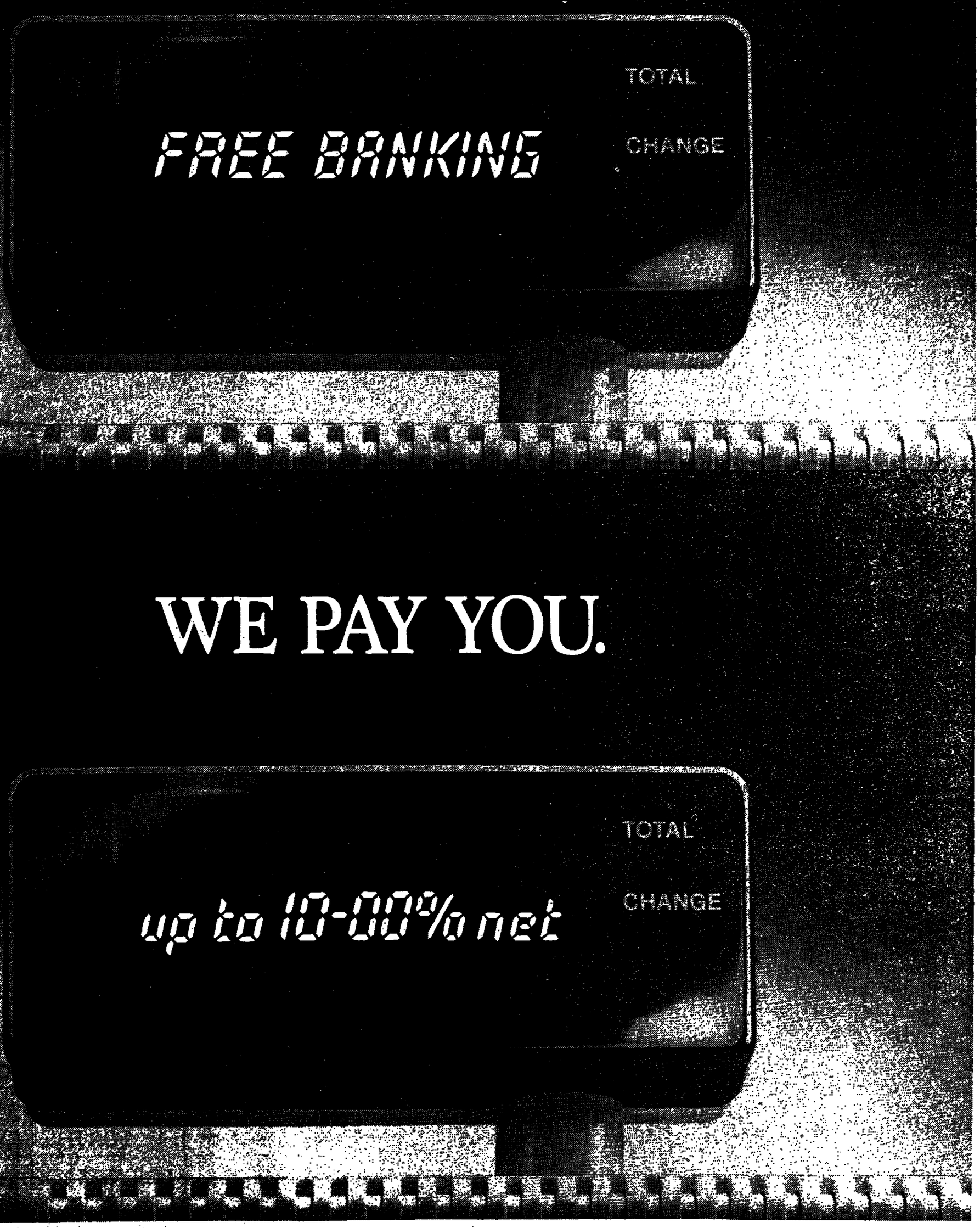
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THE ARTS: 1

Cinema

The 'Western' finds a perfect new home

Utu (15)
Classic
Tottenham Court Road

The Times of Harvey Milk (15)
Everyman

The Future of Emily (15)
Electric Screen

Eddie and the Cruisers (PG)
Odeon Marble Arch

"Made in London"
Museum of London

Hollywood's most characteristic contribution to the universal culture, the Western never dies. Utu shows it revived and flourishing on Antipodean soil: the New Zealand director Geoff Murphy has transplanted the epic style intact. Here are the vast landscapes and intimate human stories, the rolling, symphonic music and naive folktunes, the elemental characters and conflicts, the blood-letting and titanic battles, the ultimate atonements and reconciliations that bring order to a wild symbolic universe.

New Zealand history is unusually favourable to the style and ethos. The Maori Land Wars of the mid-nineteenth century closely paralleled the Indian wars of North America. The Maori had settled in the land more than a thousand years before the European invaders came with their guns and their diseases. They had always been a warrior people, but the newcomers changed both the motives and the manner of war: the first great Maori tragedy was the musket wars that came with the introduction of firearms in the early nineteenth century.

Like the American Indians, the Maori lived by formal codes; and most tribal blood wars were incited by "utu" – the word appears roughly to signify "settlement of debts". The "utu" of Geoff Murphy's tragic hero Te Wheke (Anzac Wallace) is established in the opening scenes of the film when he finds his village burnt and his family massacred by British troops. An intelligent and literate man, Te Wheke deserts the British army, in which he has been a two-stripe scout, and transforms himself into a Maori Geronimo. His guerrilla army terrorizes the white settlers and confuses the British army until his eventual downfall, brought about by those victims whose "utu" is as driving as Te Wheke's own.

Murphy's earlier film, *Goodbye Pork Pie* (a teenage road movie whose commercial success no doubt helped raise the modest $3m budget for this one) in no way predicted either the unstoppable narrative drive of *Utu* or the economy and subtlety with which it observes the psychological confrontation of Maori and the "pakeha" invaders. Even the best of the British cannot grasp either the sophistication or the cultural singularity of the Maori. In their turn the Maori tend to suffer the British with amused, uncomprehending resignation.

An ability to move freely between dark drama and banal comedy which characterizes Australasian films (and maybe Australasian temperament) suits the Western style: it is particularly apparent in Bruno Lawrence's performance as a white victim of Te Wheke, crazed to murder, but still jossing: "Sometimes I'm mad, and sometimes I ain't . . . ."

Anzac Wallace, in a début performance (his previous career includes 14 years' jail as a sociopathic thief and thereafter a role as trade union organizer) makes Te Wheke a marvellous totemic figure, with his Samurai hair, geometrically carved face and rude mesmeric habit of rolling his eyes and flicking out his tongue to disconcert his enemies.

Robert Epstein's **The Times of Harvey Milk** took this year's Oscar for best documentary, which is gratifying and surprising, since it is the kind of unspectacular, conscientious reportage that does not often get so spectacularly rewarded. The fascination is the subject. Milk was an amiable, unremarkable Jewish shopkeeper in San Francisco, already going on middle age when he embarked on a career in local politics, publicly announcing his homosexuality and making the defence of minorities his central programme. He won support far beyond his own peers, perhaps because he demonstrated what a rare animal is a politician who is honest.

It seemed symbolic when Milk was murdered, in 1978, along with the Mayor of San Francisco, by a fellow supervisor, a good-looking young WASP, sport and fireman called Dan White. The leniency of White's eight-year sentence enhanced Milk's status as martyr: the film shows the emotional torchlight processions staged throughout the city in his memory. Robert Epstein has made a touching tribute to a decent man.

As writer-director, Helma Sanders-Brahms acknowledges the autobiographical content of **The Future of Emily**: "I try to speak about the difficult and complex emotions that I feel when I come home to see my parents and my child". The heroine of the film is an actress, Isabelle (Brigitte Fossey), returning for a night to the seaside home of her parents (Hildegarde Knef, Ivan Desny), who take care of her small daughter Emily. She is followed there by a lover: her parents' disapproval sparks off a family row which, one is led to assume, is a fairly permanent state of things on these homecomings.

A former actress herself, Sanders-Brahms writes showy parts for actresses. As the older woman whose acting career was cut short by marriage and motherhood, and who now at once resents and lives through her daughter, Hildegarde Knef goes (quite enjoyably) far over the top. Brigitte Fossey is more restrained: and there is an amusing homage to René Clement's *Les Jeux interdits*, in which she made her début as a child actress. The moppet who plays Emily, Camille Raymond, is a performer to rank with the infant Fossey. Pudding-faced, wise and self-possessed, she regards with varying horror and indifference the infantile carrying-on of her elders. With this lot to contend with, you might feel, the future of Emily looks bleak.

Eddie and the Cruisers is a puzzling film. On the surface it is quite terrible: a tale of mystery and nostalgia, with the survivors of a former rock 'n' roll group recalling the Sixties and the mysterious death of their charismatic lead singer. Most of the dialogue is cliché-ridden; and its pretensions include a lot of embarrassing invocations of Rimbaud. Yet there are moments which suggest that the director-writer Martin Davidson might have a better film in him somewhere: genuine pangs of nostalgia for lost youth; glimpses of the torment of creative ambition ("We can't be *great*", a discouraging musician tells the high-flying Eddie; "we're just a bunch of kids from New Jersey"); touches of feeling.

Certainly the film derives some quality from its two excellent leading actors. Tom Berenger and Michael Pare, both of whom have developed promising careers since it was shot two years ago. Lip-synching the songs (good, if slightly out of period) and singing of John Cafferty, and all the time threatening to choke on his mike, Pare makes a convincing and compelling pop artist.

The Museum of London has just started a new "Made in London" season, presenting screenings of historic British films every Tuesday and Thursday evening, in collaboration with the National Film Archive and with the sponsorship of Nomura International. The programmes this week and next celebrate the eightieth anniversary of Robert Donat's birth; after that there is the usual rich mix of treasures, rarities and oddities.

You can see the Oscar-winning Dame Peggy Ashcroft as she was half a century ago in Hitchcock's *The Thirty-Nine Steps* and Berthold Viertel's *Rhodes of Africa* (who but Oscar Homolka could have played Kruger?). Richest of next month's curiosities is Korda's *Conquest of the Air*, which emerged in 1940 after four years in the making, and has Laurence Olivier as Lunardi, among a cast of leading stage stars of the day. The Museum of London shows start at 6.10 and admission is a derisory £1.20.

David Robinson



Anzac Wallace as the marvellously totemic Te Wheke in *Utu*

Television

Bankrupt peace

The United States dropped more bombs on Vietnam than were dropped on all its fronts in the Second World War. This, apart from the fact that the country has sustained generations of war, would incline one to expect that, 10 years on and whatever its political system, it would not be doing well.

A "struggling and bankrupted peace", Michael Nicholson called it in **Return to Vietnam**, an ITN Special Report, last night. Mr Nicholson left Saigon in 1975 as the North Vietnamese were about to come in. He returned with Alan Downes, the cameraman who had covered the war with him.

Vietnam is one of the world's 20 poorest countries though it affords the fourth largest army, part of it still fighting in Kampuchea, a presence which ensures, so far as the West is concerned, its economic isolation. Mr Nicholson reported that agriculture was primitive though its yield has increased since peasants were allowed to sell their surpluses in an obtrusive but singular burst of capitalism.

The North he found "pinched and grim"; the South a *different country, not reconciled* to the new regime, its middle class still leaking away to seek a future outside. War veterans still await artificial limbs. The population, presumably for want of an option, has turned again to faith healing and traditional medicine to maintain its health.

Elitism and Christianity, said Mr Nicholson, flourish. There is some economic return from a tourist trade from Eastern Europe. East Germans pick their way through the labyrinths of tunnels constructed to offset the bombing and survey the landscape where the world's mightiest military power was humiliated.

The war continues to kill – 4,000 in 10 years, it was said, blown up by buried explosives. Other war debris has a constructive use. Vietnamese pick among the hulks for useful metals and the steel industry is assured of a supply of scrap for years.

The Americans also left behind thousands of illegitimate children, "Amer-Asians" to them, "what the GIs left behind" to the Vietnamese. The lucky ones still leave for adoption in America.

Mr Nicholson provided a poignant reminder rather than an exhaustive documentary. It followed a week of excerpts in ITN's bulletins. Victory, we were were told, would be celebrated in every Vietnamese town, village and city. ITN offered a grim reflection on the cost to victors and losers.

Dennis Hackett

Dance

She Said

ICA

If I simply describe the show being given at the ICA Theatre this week, it will sound like one of those trendy, boring near-dance productions so often put on by people with more ambition than talent. The difference this time is that the presenters do have talent.

They are a group from Holland called Vals Bloed, which translates as False Blood. Four Dutch ladies in little black dresses and heeled shoes stride the stage, their cunning sense of rhythm and pauses underlined by the assertive sound of their footfalls. Sometimes they recite in unison snatches of doggerel about encounters with men or groups. Gestures – like a cross between ballet mime and sign-language for the deaf – illustrate the words and sometimes tell stories of their own.

A group of young local volunteers invades the stage at intervals, watching, interrupting, at the end even doing party tricks. But their naive enthusiasm never really distracts attention from the principals, whose sense of purpose and cohesion (united by common intent, not by clockwork simultaneity) gives their actions a compelling interest.

There are times in *She Said* when the movement comes quite close to ordinary dancing. Towards the end a faint sound, like a distant musical box (one of those like a model windmill, *perhaps?*) grows into an instrumental tune. Lighting throughout, by Paul de Vrees, is as skilful and unexpected as the movement.

What is more significant in accounting for their success is that the performers grab your attention by the way they look and the way they move: they convince you that they are interesting people and, for the hour the show lasts, make you care about the characters – whether real or assumed – whose arcane lives are briefly paraded on stage.

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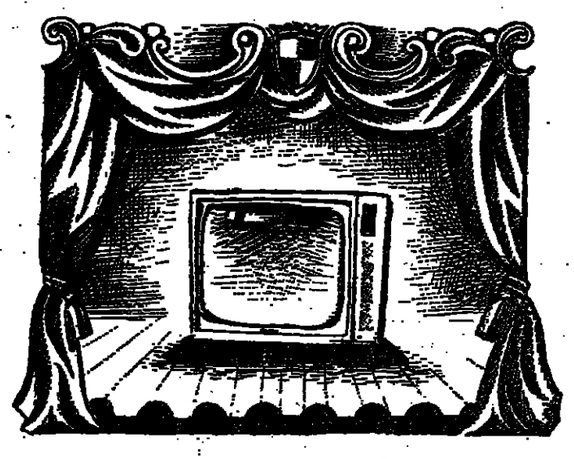
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THE ARTS: 2

Concerts

Bach concedes a rare smile

La Grande Ecurie
Barbican

One of the many tercentenary mysteries about Johann Sebastian Bach which is likely to remain unresolved is: did he have a sense of humour? There is precious little evidence of it in the mountains of written material by the composer which survive, but a couple of his secular cantatas, and the Coffee Cantata in particular, suggest that, if he never actually laughed, a smile must occasionally have crossed his face.

Visiting this country for a regrettably isolated lunchtime concert, La Grande Ecurie et la Chambre du Roy presented this little drama of irritable father and coffee-drinking daughter in a modest staging. It would originally have been heard in the concerts which Bach organized at one of Leipzig's fashionable coffee-houses, where it doubtless helped to boost sales. I did not notice a rush to the coffee bar here, even though the trio of participants matched their eighteenth-century costumes and gestures with distinctively Barbican-art coffee cups and chairs.

Unbelievably, the names of the singers were not provided in the programme, a particular pity as these were interesting and unfamiliar faces. Isabelle Poulenard was the daughter; hers is a distinctive voice on the recent baroque recordings of Malgoire, Christie and Jacobs and her singing was small of scale but exquisitely turned. So too was her stylish gesture and that of her father (Michel Verschaeve); rather more successfully than the recent semi-staged Handel in this hall, they showed that a simple set of elegant, flowing movements can bring the rhetoric of this music gracefully to life.

It is striking how Bach reaches towards a more popular style in this piece, recalling some of Telemann's *galant* music, but he cannot resist elaborating with flute solos and providing delicious inner parts. Jean-Claude Malgoire conducted with vigour; his small band of period strings sometimes sounded undernourished, both here and in Handel's Concerto Grosso Op 6 No 6. They tune with less unaminity than some other old instrument bands, but they are always admirably lively and they project the music strongly.

Nicholas Kenyon

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The Academy of St Martin in the Fields deserved every seat they sold on Wednesday, and that was a great many, for another in their twenty-fifth anniversary series. This programme focused on the shifting stance of the soloist within the small conductorless string group, and reached its apotheosis in Mozart's Violin Concerto No 3 in G. I would willingly exchange almost any recording by a more feted superstar for a tape of this delicious performance by Iona Brown, conducting, as it were, from the bow.

Highly strung and sharply observant, its high solo profile would at one moment compel and at the next deflect attention away from itself. Ascending phrases would shoot to their mark, then lose themselves in a live current of corporate activity as soon as her back was turned. At those moments it was frequently a case of spot the soloist as exquisite chamber music was made among the orchestra's own principals.

Few soloists can, when it comes to it, submit their own vanity to an understanding of what Mozart might have meant by an adagio. Lift the pulse of an aria like "Ach, ich fühl's" or, in this case, the bass pizzicato of the concerto's slow movement, to a younger, marginally faster heartbeat, and you are in a different world. With Ms Brown's light, unindulgent tempo, there was no question of the opening phrase's ascent making any mannered pause before it came to rest.

It was unusually satisfying, too, to hear the work in the context of the evolving concerto grosso. Handel, as he must this year, took precedence in a performance of the Op 6 No 10 concerto whose wit in execution sharpened its originality of invention. Corelli, perhaps, needed a little less strenuous advocacy for his Op 6 No 2. For Vivaldi and his eleventh *L'estro harmonico* work, drama moved from chamber to stage. Iona Brown and Malcolm Latchem strode out alone, taunted their colleagues into a fiery fugue, and then drew them on to a brilliantly timed denouement.

Hilary Finch

Aci, Galatea e Polifemo
St George's, Hanover Square

Handel's Neapolitan cantata *Aci, Galatea e Polifemo* is not really the prototype of his more famous English setting of the story. The music and the dramatic treatment are very different, though there are occasional correspondences. In both versions, for instance, Handel revels in supplying the monster with vengeful interruptions to sweetly duetting lovers. But when setting John Gay's more elegant and witty text his resourcefulness was a decade more mature.

The Italian version's musical characterization of Polifemo is remarkable nevertheless. This is not the cuddly-bear giant who chortles through "O ruddier than the cherry" but a far more serious, dangerous beast, requiring a singer with a King Kong of a technique. In this London Handel Festival performance David Thomas was magnificent, traversing Polifemo's fittingly monstrous compass with relish.

Not all of his arias had the fanfaring trumpets and rushing string scales which marked his stentorian first entry. Handel entrusts to him the work's closing solo: a superbly modulating accompanied recitative, resuscitated from the British Library for this performance, and projected with tragic intensity by Thomas.

The lovers' parts are not easily sung, either. Patrizia Kwella drew on considerable vocal reserves to deliver Aci's vaulting arias, and her tone seemed strained occasionally as a result. Galatea's lyricism is gentler, and her accompaniments have exquisite passages for recorders and pizzicato strings. Margaret Cable characterized this part gracefully, adding some discreet but effective embellishments.

In general this was not a performance for connoisseurs of baroque instrumental playing. The London Handel Orchestra made a vigorous contribution under Denys Darlow's direction, but there were insecurities, probably because of insufficient rehearsal. Whoever told those brave souls, the natural trumpet players, to stand at the line "But what dreadful sound strikes my ears?" was, however, being unduly pessimistic.

Richard Morrison

Dee Conway



Full command of highly charged content: Liv Ullmann (left), Nicola Pagett

Theatre

Elegy to the old songs

Old Times
Haymarket

Not seen in London since its first appearance in 1971, *Old Times* is the most accessible of Harold Pinter's full-length plays, and an obvious candidate for West End revival. The chance has been seized to the full by David Jones and it is a pleasure to welcome the return of this beautiful piece, scrupulously directed and played by a crack company (Nicola Pagett, Michael Gambon, Liv Ullmann).

With most of Pinter's work, whatever its impact, its point of origin resists speculation. But anyone looking back to days of unattached youth in a big city can share in this play's point of departure. It is an elegy to vanished pubs and old songs, to dated slang and disappearing stocking-tops; to the faces that turned up at parties and then dispersed, and to casual erotic encounters that remain to excite the fantasy years after the faces and names are forgotten.

Pinter winds up his first act song medley with the line "How the ghost of you clings"; and his way of opening up the past is to allow a ghost that has haunted a marriage to invade the present after a lapse of 20 years.

In their converted farmhouse far from the London of their youth, Kate and Deeley await a visit from Anna, Kate's old flat-mate from her secretarial days. Deeley pumps her for details of the friendship, and gets the information that Anna used to take her underclothes. It would be a conventional exposition, but for the half-lights and the shadowy figure of Anna, presiding over the marriage whether physically present or not.

With her actual arrival the lights go up and the stage comes into normal focus as Anna launches into a flood of secretarial reminiscences. But, under cover of her gushing recollections of home cooking and cultural outings, the three figures are taking up new positions in the game. Deeley is stealthily fixing his attention on Anna: Anna is moving in for the repossession of Kate; while Kate withdraws behind a barrier of silent, impenetrable charm.

What emerges through the haze of gossip and drinks is that Kate is an unattainable figure to whom the two others lay claim; and that in talking over the old times they are reactivating a rivalry that has lain dormant since their youth. The working-out of this deeply private contest is conducted largely with public weapons: old songs, old movies, addresses in London's bed-sit land of the 1950s. Deeley claims to have picked Kate up at a matinée of *Odd Man Out*, only to be challenged a few minutes later when Anna declares that Kate first saw it in her company. The rivals discuss her bathroom habits almost like parents, or former spouses. And, from the stories of the borrowed underwear, it emerges that Deeley sees the two women as inseparable parts of the same fantasy, from which he is as hopelessly excluded now as 20 years before.

The company play these evasions, contradictory memories, sudden spasms of anger and moments of muted challenge with full command of highly charged content. Miss Pagett, isolated behind silence and dazzling smiles, makes decisive entries into the conversation to prove she is the strongest figure in the group.

Mr Gambon wonderfully combines the roles of genial host and furtive lecher (sitting down next to Anna while demonstrating half a dozen ways of not quite touching her), punctuating the small-talk with bull-like roars of jealousy and frustration, before abjectly collapsing between the two women. Miss Ullmann, vocally less sensitive than her partners, is visually astonishing: first appearing as a hearty middle-aged woman, and shedding years to re-evoke the odalisque of Deeley's memory.

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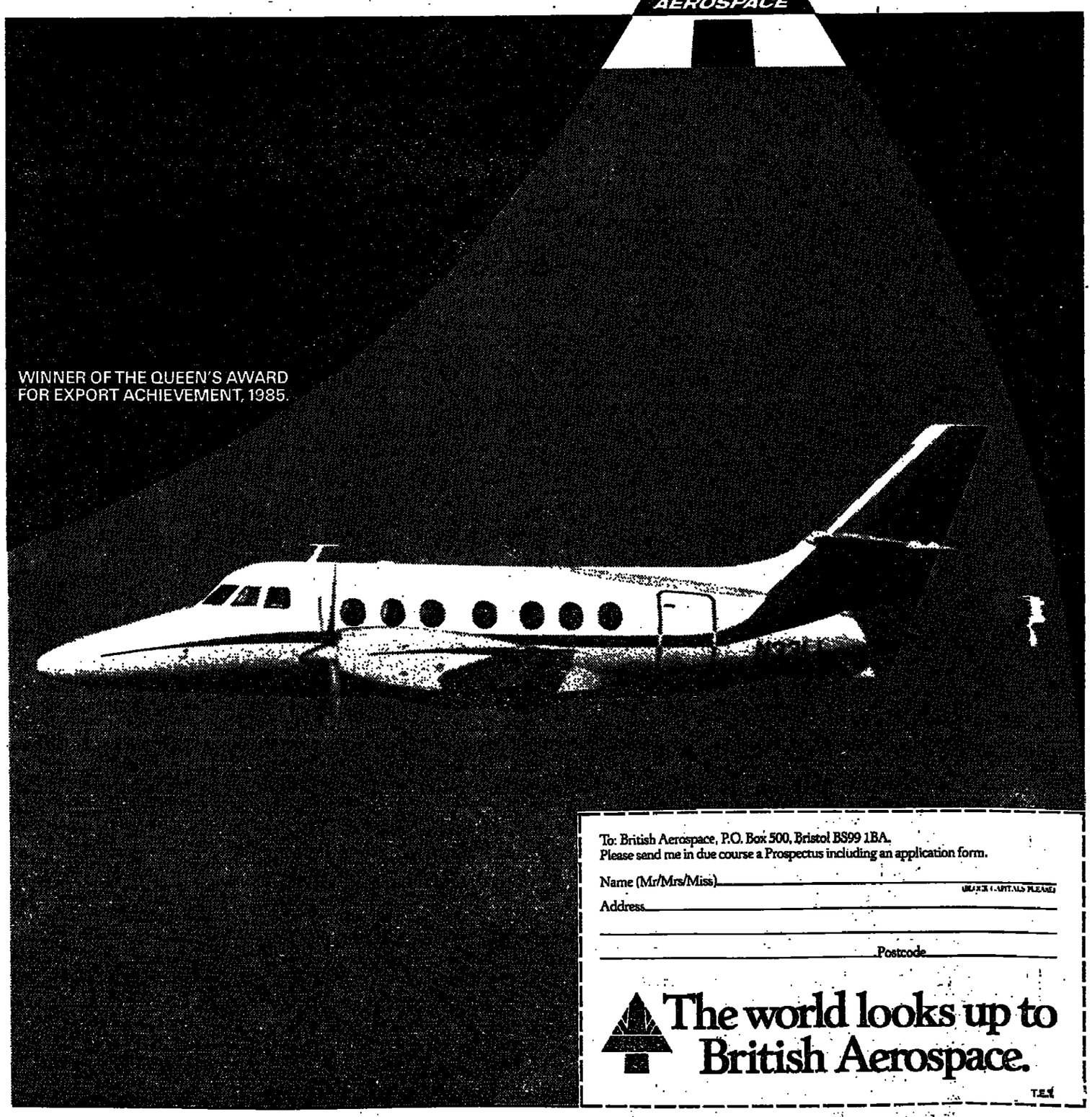
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Ten years ago South Vietnam's capital reverberated to the sound of rocket fire and the interminable beating of helicopter blades. James Fenton gives an eyewitness account of the days leading up to the country's surrender and tells how he joined the looters ravaging the US embassy

The defeat that changed the world

I was awakened by the sound of three large crashes. The rocketing had begun. I went to the top floor of my hotel – once a bar and billiard room for GIs – where I had a good view over the roofs. Already there was a large fire, fuelled no doubt by the petrol kept in the houses of the poor. Soon a whole block was ablaze, and the fire was spreading.

The fire, though distant, spelled *an immediate danger: nevertheless a* city fire, far enough away, has a terrible splendour. The fire attracted *me.*

The next day I walked around the burnt-out area, a huddled group of *make-shift shacks built on an old* Catholic graveyard. The fire brigade had refused to put out the blaze until *massive bribes had been produced,* and consequently a large number of poor people's homes had been destroyed. *All this I might have* guessed at the time, and yet I was excited by the fire. It seemed to be the curtain-raiser for the last act.

The next morning, 28 April, began dramatically enough. I went out to the edge of the city at about six-thirty, where I found that the Vietcong had come to the very outskirts of Saigon and had closed the road on the other side of the bridge. Only a few, they served their purpose, calling down a massive amount of firepower where they were ensconced. Saigon brought out all its weapons, and the helicopter gunships blasted away all day. It was not until evening that the road was cleared of a few brave men.

Back in my room I was reading a book when, without warning, the city became ablaze with rifle fire. I thought: that's it. The insurrection has begun. Once again, I went up to the top floor, but this time there was nothing to see. There was simply a noise, a massive, unvaried, unstinting noise. It was too uniform. Perhaps a coup? As suddenly as it had started, the firing ceased.

President Duang Van Minh, at this time, would have just finished his speech, calling on the Americans to leave, and on the other side to negotiate. The other side would have been answering that this was not enough – there had to be total *unconditional surrender.*

For the first and last time in the war, in a masterly piece of timing, the Vietcong air force was brought into play. The planes had been captured from the South Vietnamese and were being used to bomb Saigon's air force. The troops had been told of enemy planes on the attack, but they were confused. The plane they were firing at was in fact civilian. It got away.

The incident was unnerving. It was a foretaste of defeat for South Vietnam. From now on, anything could happen, and happen swiftly. There would be nothing we could do about it.

The next morning I was woken by the ancient doorman of the hotel, who walked straight into by room carrying one loaf of French bread, two large chunks of palm sugar and a bottle of Coca-Cola. He returned a little later with ice, and insisted I get up and eat.

I gathered from a rather complicated conversation that there was still a curfew, and that these were the siege rations. The bread was wrapped in what appeared to be an American embassy report. The curfew did not seem to be very strict, so I set out to see what was happening.

Saigon looked beautiful that morning, with its deserted streets. Everyone was smiling. There were families standing in the doorways, smiling. A group of soldiers passed, smiling. A beggar girl in a tattered silk blouse to whom I gave some

"Saigon was beautiful that morning . . . everyone was smiling"

money, ran laughing along beside me. She was young, with an idiot look and no teeth. Clearly the curfew did not apply to idiots.

There was a Sunday morning atmosphere. I felt very happy, as if I were in some English town, setting out to buy the Sunday papers. On the way I met one of my friends from the local defence force, who told me that the airport had been attacked during the night. I appeared to have slept through everything. At the *Continental all the journalists* were talking about the previous night's fighting at the airport which *had convinced several people that* they should leave.

The same principle that had taken *me from Phnom Penh would keep* me in Saigon. I had made my decision in advance. But I cannot *deny that I felt a certain superiority* to those rushing around, paying their bills, gathering their stuff together, or dithering.

One small restaurant was open, in which a group of junior army officers was sitting eating Chinese chicken and drinking Johnnie Walker Black Label. They invited me to join them, which I did with some diffidence since they were obviously out to get drunk, and might therefore become aggressive. They began by explaining that they would sit there until they were killed. I tried to say that I thought they were wrong, but when I explained why, I saw at once that I had gone too far.

I was afraid that I had fallen into *the hands of precisely those* "friendlies" who were supposed to turn nasty. I reached out for a piece of *chicken and nonchalantly* picked up the head. It was not the part I had had in mind, but I bit into the eyeballs with great gusto, and sucked out the brains.

The ice was finally broken when one of the officers asked in Cambodian whether I spoke Khmer. A little, I said, and we exchanged a *few phrases.* These men belonged to a breed that was just on the verge of extinction – the nattily-dressed, well-groomed, gun-toting, sunglass-wearing, American-style, narcissistic junior officer. The weight of their impending extinction bore down upon them.

Some people get rich on others' misfortunes, and it appeared that I was one of them. I became, during the course of the day, acting bureau chief of the *Washington Post.* I had a bureau!

The keys were waiting for me in the office, together with a charming farewell note from the staf. I had a *pleasant young Vietnamese assist*ant, who was good enough to show me how to open the drawer to get at *the office petty cash. The office was* well equipped; I could have moved in to live. Nice bathroom, plenty of books, and a bottle of Polish vodka in the fridge.

I went round to the American Embassy. The crowd outside had grown, but it had not yet reached the alarming proportions of later in the day. There were shady Koreans, a few stranded Americans and several *hundred Vietnamese waiting around* or arguing with the Marines on the gate. South Vietnamese army officers *in mufti would come up and*, producing an embassy visiting card, say, "Excuse me, I'm a good friend *of Mr So-and-so. Do you think I* could get in?"

Before too long the large helicopters, the Jolly Green Giants, began to appear, and as they did so the mood of the city suffered a terrible change. The noise of the vast helicopters, as they corkscrewed out of the sky, was a fearful incentive to panic. The weather turned bad. It began to rain. It seemed as if the light had gone forever.

All over Saigon there were people who had been promised an escape. There were others, like the officers





Then and now: Vietnamese war victims (top) on the beach at Vung Tau, near Saigon, in 1975 and (above) the more carefree scenes to be found there today

of the morning, who thought that they would definitely die. And there were others who for no definite reason went into a flat spin.

Always the beating of the helicopter blades reminded them of what was happening. The accumulated weight of the years of propaganda came crashing down *upon a terrified city.*

It became dangerous to go out on the streets. The looters were out and the cowboys were on their Hondas: who knew what grudge might be worked out on the white face of a passer-by? To add to the confusion, the electricity cut out at around seven in the evening.

Finishing my work in my new office that evening, I came across a note from my nice Vietnamese assistant. It informed me that the office was most likely to be looted by soldiers, and that the assistant had therefore taken home the petty cash. This was the last time I saw the man. Well, easy come, easy go, I thought. I went to the fridge and broached the Polish vodka. It turned out to be water.

As the lights went on in the Caravelle Hotel, we didn't know for how long we would be holed up, or in what manner the city would fall. Most people I think were envisaging a rather slow and bloody take-over, but this did not spoil the brave mood of the evening.

"To any Vietcong agent we looked too touching to kill"

We had a distant view of the war. Towards the airport it appeared that an ammunition dump was exploding. Great flames rose up then slowly subsided. It went on for hours, like some hellish furnace from Hieronymus Bosch. If you went up to the roof you could hear the war from every direction. But the city centre had calmed down.

I had one more story to send out. I found a policemen in mufti, and arranged to walk with him to the Reuters' office. As we approached the dark area around the cathedral we both became more and more apprehensive. We walked down the middle of the road, hand in hand, to keep up each other's spirits. We exhibited all the heroism of children in the dark. To any Vietcong agent, watching us from the top branches of the trees, I should say we must have looked too touching to kill.

Then I went to the American embassy where the looting had just begun. The typewriters were already on the streets outside, there was a stink of urine from where the crowd had spent the night, and several cars had been ripped apart. I went straight into the embassy with the looters.

The place was packed and in chaos. Papers, files, brochures and reports were strewn around. Some people gave me suspicious looks, as if I might be a member of the embassy staff – I was, after all, the only one there with a white face so I began to do a little looting myself, to show that I was entering into the spirit of the thing.

On the first floor there was more room to move, and it was here I came across the embassy library. I collected the following items: one copy of *Peace is not at Hand*, by Sir Robert Thompson, one of the many available copies of *The Road from War*, by Robert Shaplen, Barrington Moore's *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy* (I had been meaning to read it for some time), a copy of a pacification report from 1972 and some embassy notepaper.

Two things I could not take (by now I was not just pretending to loot – I had become quite involved): a reproduction of an 1873 map of Hanoi, and a framed quotation from Lawrence of Arabia, which read. "Better to let them do it imperfectly than to do it perfectly yourself, for it is their country, their way, and your *time is short*". Nearby I found a smashed portrait of President Ford, and a Stars and Stripes, mangled in *the dirt.*

I turned into a small kitchen, where a group of old cronies were helping themselves to jars of

"They threw tear gas . . . I ran hard, in floods of tears"

powdered milk. When they looked up and saw me, they panicked, dropped the powdered mild and ran. I decided that it would be better to leave the building. It was filling up so much that it might soon become impossible to get out.

I did not know that there were still some Marines on the roof. As I forced my way out of the building, they threw tear-gas down on the crowd, and I found myself running hard, in floods of tears.

Although the last helicopter was now leaving, people still thought there were other chances of getting out. One man could only shout: "I'm a professor, I'm a professor, I'm a professor", as if the fact of his academic status would cause the Jolly Green Giants to swoop down out of the sky and whisk him away.

There was by now a good deal of activity on the streets. Military trucks went to and fro across town, bearing loads of rice, and family groups trudged along, carrying their possessions. As I finished writing my story, the sirens wailed three times, indicating that the city was under attack. I returned to the hotel roof to see what was happening.

Across the river, but not far away, you could see the artillery firing, and the battle lines coming closer. Then two flares went up, one red, one white. Somebody said that the white flare was for surrender. In the restaurant, the waiters sat by the radio. I asked them what was happening. "The war is finished", said one.

I looked down into the square. Almost at once a waiter emerged from the Continental and began to hoist a French tricolour on the flagpole. There were groups of soldiers, apparently front-line troops, sitting down.

From the battlefield across the river, the white flares began to go up in great numbers. Big Minh's broadcast had been heard – offering *unconditional surrender – and in a* matter of minutes the war would be well and truly over.

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Oilseed loses its colour

Opinions differ as to whether oilseed' rape, whose bright yellow flowers will shortly be in bloom, is an alien intruder or a welcome and colourful addition to the English landscape. It has certainly proved an immensely successful commercial crop, producing a versatile oil whose uses range from food manufacture to industrial lubricants, and affording farmers a profitable break from the cereal cycle.

Now it appears the colour may soon be a thing of the past. Neville Mendham, an Australian scientist, has concluded after research at Nottingham University that the petals absorb about 60 per cent of radiation, thus shading leaves and hampering photosynthesis and pod development. Work in France also indicates that the dead petals encourage *sclerotinia* fungus, which causes the stems to rot.

The answer seems to lie in the development of "mopheads", in which the petal-less pods cluster at the top of the plant. They are said to be easier to harvest, and the pods are less likely to fall apart and scatter their seed when battered by the wind.

Another reason for disappointing yields is the damage done by birds, particularly pigeons, during the winter *months. More vigorous growth* in autumn and early spring would make the plants less susceptible, but again at the expense of nature's timing. Will future generations lament the demise of the rape flower as they do that of the buttercups and daisies of pastures long ago?

Sunflowers go north



Oilseed rape may in any case be supplanted by other crops less sensitive to disease and depredation. In France the latest vogue is for sunflowers, until recently a prerogative of the Mediterranean countries, although they have been cultivated for ornamental purposes in English gardens for many years.

Food manufacturers are very keen on sunflower oil, which is of high quality, poly-unsaturated and with a high linoleic acid content, which helps to control cholesterol levels. The French crop has grown dramatically: last year a million and a quarter acres were under cultivation, compared with fewer than 100,000 in 1978.

Another thing in their favour is that the oil quality improves the further north they are. Although they need a warm summer to be at their best, they have been grown in Scandinavia as far north as latitude 60°.

Shrinking citrus

Having a naturally, as well as politically, hostile environment clearly helps to concentrate the mind. A recent Israeli development is the dwarf citrus tree, which grows to a height of no more than about six feet and bears full size fruit within two or three years.

The secret is to restrict root growth by planting the trees in containers. Although they require more fertilizers than standard trees, they use only about half as much water, which in Israel is a vital consideration, and there is no wastage of fruit on high branches which cannot be harvested.

Sweeten the peel

As well as urging us to reduce our fat consumption, doctors – and dentists – are insistent that we should eat less sugar, or more specifically, sucrose. But the problem is that most of us like sweet things, and artificial sweeteners appear to carry even more health risks than sucrose.

Israeli scientists think they may have come up with an answer in Neohesperidin dihydrochalone, a substance extracted from the discarded peel of oranges and grapefruit, and said to be about one thousand times sweeter than sucrose. It has one or two drawbacks like a lingering aftertaste, but biochemists at the Hebrew University Faculty of Agriculture are confident that a bit of molecular rearrangement will sort that out.

Professor Rafael Ikan, of the same university, is meanwhile pinning his hopes on a South American shrub, *Stevia rebaudiana*, the leaves of which are used by the Indians of Paraguay for sweetening their food and drink. Although a mere 200 times sweeter than sucrose, its main agent, stevioside, contains no calories and remains stable at high temperatures.

Non-vintage plastic



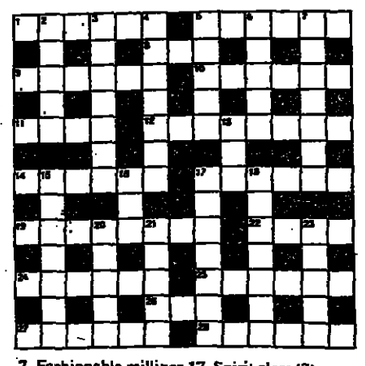
Disparaging remarks made about wine in boxes do not, it seems, spring solely from snobbery and prejudice. Tests at the Long Ashton Research Station, near Bristol, have shown that the plastic bags inside the boxes are not impervious, as is claimed. The wine suffers a progressive loss of sulphur dioxide and thus of flavour freshness during storage. Never mind, boxed wine is still useful for picnics; occasions when, to borrow a phrase, quantity is more important than quality.'

John Young



Oilseed rape: Blooming, but for how long?

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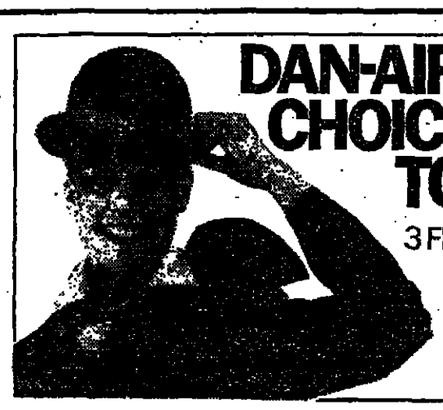


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FRIDAY PAGE

Face to face with a screen legend

Actress Jeanne Moreau, heroine of the New Wave of sixties realism in the French cinema, stars on television this weekend. **Bryan Appleyard** traces her remarkable career

Jeanne Moreau has aged well. She has not embalmed her youth like Joan Collins nor adopted that faintly dotty dowdiness so common in elderly actresses. Instead at 57 she has become a talkative and available aristocrat of the cinema. She travels the world, judging festivals, taking on the odd role and bestowing fragments of that terribly French wisdom that her fans have always known lurks behind the perpetually tired eyes.

"*C'est magnifique de vous voir*", says the manager of the Savoy as she strolls in wearing a grey suit and an apparently endless fur stole. Leslie Halliwell called her the Bette Davis of her time and she accepts any compliments in the manner of La Davis – as no more than she deserves.

Having kept us waiting for a precise half-hour she settles down for the ritual of the interview with an oddly girlish wiggle and clutching three large packets of More cigarettes (very long, very thin and very dark brown). The face has changed radically – it now seems fuller and more animated than in her youth. But the eyes are still eternally weary and every so often the lips curve downward in the startling way that hooked just about every major film director of her generation.

"She is", warned her producer at the BBC, "formidable, however you pronounce it". But not in the way that you expect. She is chatty and friendly but ferociously quick with her corrections. She will not have you speak of her "career" – it is "her life" – and there is a distinct flaring of the nostrils at the suggestion that she was "adopted" by the great French New Wave directors – "Nobody had to be adopted. I *was* the New Wave". One senses that offending Miss Moreau might prove dangerous.

She was in London to publicize the BBC production of Jean-Paul Sartre's *Vicious Circle* to be shown on Sunday. She plays an ageing lesbian trapped in an after-life with Omar Sharif and Cherie Lunghi. "Hell is other people" was Sartre's thesis but Moreau feels the great man got it wrong.

"I don't think hell is others. I think hell is oneself – if you deal with yourself and find the harmony within yourself you cannot resent any actions done by others."

It was Sartre who dominated the intellectual life of the Paris in which Moreau grew up but for years she knew nothing of his work. She was the daughter of a French father who loathed the idea of show business and an English Bluebell girl who migrated from Oldham to Paris. During the war years she grew into awareness in the world of Montmartre – a world of "sex and greed, black market, prostitution". It was a world from which she immediately determined to escape.

"I did not like the way people were and what life was about. You know as well as I do that in the German occupation lots of people weren't heroes. For me a refuge was literature and my work as a student. I was not allowed to see films or plays but I saw two shows without my father knowing and I knew what I had to do."

Her mother conspired with her and, after a brief, secret training programme, she joined the Comédie Francaise. The first her father knew of any of it was when her face appeared on the front page of the evening paper. Her mother returned to England in 1948 – she now lives in Peterborough – and Moreau stayed on, living in the maid's room of the hotel where her father worked.

She was buried in her work for stage, radio and as a student. So the intellectual ferment of the South Bank – led by Sartre – passed her by. Later she became aware of existentialism and decided she didn't like it. Sartre, however, took to her and used to toss her compliments about her performances from tables at cafés – "I did not reply I had adored his last book, I had not read his last book".

"All the time I just wanted to be an actress – but I had to be the best. When my father was working in a café I used to see all sorts of people hanging around – actors, dancers and so on – and they just talked about the past when they had been great. I thought to myself I will never be like that . . . ."

At 21 she became pregnant and married the actor Jean Richard. They had been friends since the age of 16 and, in spite of a divorce, they still are. Their child – a son called Jerome – remains her only one. She discovered she could not have another after she and Pierre Cardin, her lover for four years, had tried and failed.

Through the 1950s her reputation grew steadily but the film parts were in movies that simply aped Hollywood. Then, in 1957, she met Louis Malle and decided to take a part in his film *Lift to the Scaffold*. Her agents told her, as agents do, that it would destroy her image with the public. Of the scruffy New Wave directors he simply said: "It's them or me". She sacked the agent.

The New Wave brought her a new life: "It was exciting – small camera crews, shooting in the street, no make-up, nothing. I had been making films with directors who only saw me when I got on the set – this was different. Before they coated me with make-up to hide all this black under my eyes. But these new people let me look tired."

The New Wave and the Moreau face seemed made for each other and finally with Truffaut's *Jules et Jim* in 1961 her role as *the* image of the new French cinema was fixed forever. The raw unmade-up Moreau face was made for the camera. With other instinctive actors like Robert Mitchum she shared the ability to make even the most flamboyant opposition look like holes in the screen – Mitchum did it to Monroe, Moreau did it to Bardot in Malle's *Viva Maria*.

"It was fantastic. Those beautiful films that were made. It was a beautiful period in French cinema.

> 'I don't think in terms of ambition any more'

It really lasted about six years but it was just about kept going until 1968."

It was then that the students started ripping up the cobbles on the Boulevard St Michel and France was assumed to be on the brink of a second revolution. Jean-Luc Godard, the most ferociously political of the New Wave directors, tied himself into even more tortured dialectical knots and even identified Moreau as a target for his obsessions.

"Godard locked me in my flat and brought in all these people. I was going to do a radio interview and he wanted to tell me what to say. He said you have to say this for the left, this for the Trotskyists and so on. I said I wouldn't and he said I was an apolitical imbecile.

"I don't think they were very political at all. They were just excited. I respect politics but it's just what people want. People's needs are very strange."

She beams, having reduced the political agonizing of the French left to the level of a somewhat pathetic sexual kink. And, of course, Moreau carried on which is more than can be said for *Les évènements* of 1968.

But some of the excitement had clearly gone. Through the 1970s she continued to add to her portfolio of performances. In 1977 she married William Friedkin, the director of *The Exorcist*, and in 1979 they were divorced. Now she lives alone in Paris, spending a lot of time in New York.

In the late 1970s she directed two films with moderate success and she is now writing the script for another – "I can't speak about it. When one writes one can't give out things, it's meaningless". She is also preparing for a Broadway appearance in *Night of the Iguana* and is attempting to put together a series for American television about Hollywood actresses. Meanwhile she produces records – a by-product of the immensely successful song she sang in *Jules et Jim* – and distils wisdom on chat shows around the world.

"I don't think in terms of ambition any more. I want to improve as much as I can. I know that I have to do something with what life has given to me or else it's meaningless. I have to admit that I have been given things that other people don't have – talent, where does that come from? But it's not just talent, you have to be obstinate, you have to love what you do. You have to have a sort of instinct. And the more I do the more I love people. My childhood during the occupation made me afraid of people."

But perhaps the most important performance she is now approaching will be on May 12 when she will lead a tribute to François Truffaut, who died earlier this year, at the Cannes Film Festival. She is now assembling as many of those who worked with him as she can. It was with Truffaut and his contemporaries in the early 1960s that Moreau's screen presence and reputation were made. Whether she – the image – was the New Wave, or whether they – the creators – were may be academic. But those were her great days even though she will always claim that things are getting relentlessly better. On May 12 she will also be paying homage to the other Jeanne Moreau who now only exists on celluloid.

Vicious Circle is on BBC 1 on Sunday at 7.45pm.

Andrew Ward





'She could make the most flamboyant opposition look like holes in the screen'

Left: the still-startling face of Jeanne Moreau today. Above: outstarring Bardot in the film Viva Maria.



New face: Moreau in Truffaut's film *Jules et Jim*, 1961

MEDICAL BRIEFING SPECIAL

Peta Levi reports on safer pregnancies

Miscarriage research brings new hope

Research at a London hospital may have unearthed one of the keys to a tragic problem which affects 15,000 women in Britain – recurrent miscarriage. Doctors now believe that an injection of cells from the father could prevent some women from "rejecting" the foetus.

The causes of recurrent miscarriage – defined as three or more consecutive spontaneous miscarriages – are often not apparent and many families are told: "There is nothing wrong, go away and try again." But now trials at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington, the home of Britain's first Recurrent Abortion Clinic, have demonstrated that immunization using paternal cells is an effective treatment for women who cannot produce an antibody to their husbands' cells.

The research is being carried out by Richard Beard, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and J. F. Mowbray, Professor of Immunopathology. One of 70 women who have given birth to a normal child after their treatment is Susan Leigh, from Mill Hill in London.

She first became pregnant at 26, a year after her marriage in 1972. At 17 weeks she started bleeding and was in and out of hospital until she miscarried at 23 weeks. Susan says: "It was a little girl. I was very distressed but was told it was just bad luck." It was thought that the miscarriage had been caused by a weakness in the neck of the womb, so for her next pregnancy a stitch was inserted at three months. At 28 weeks contractions started and, a week later, she produced a premature 2½ lb boy, Benjamin.

Only a mother can realize the prolonged trauma of Susan's experience with Benjamin, suspecting that her baby was brain damaged; being given hope that he was all right, then finally being told that he was spastic with a severe hearing loss. Today Benjamin is 10 and, with his hearing aids, is doing better than expected.

Peta Addis



Susan and Robin Leigh with children Benjamin (centre), Elizabeth (left), and Jonathan

Susan thought she would try to have another baby and this time a stitch was put in the neck of the womb before pregnancy. "I was very confident. My mother had had two miscarriages, then had me prematurely, followed by a normal pregnancy. I thought I was going to sail through – I had had enough bad luck. At 13 weeks I started bleeding and went into hospital for six weeks at the end of which I had a quite horrific miscarriage."

Three years later she went to Professor Beard. She tried again but at 11 weeks her husband became ill and she lost the baby. Susan tried again and miscarried at 14 weeks. "I was then prepared to give up, in spite of all Mr Beard's care – he treated me like a daughter. The toll on my mental and physical energy was beginning to tell."

However, he asked her if she would like to see a colleague, Professor Mowbray, who had just started his immunization work. She agreed. After her own and her husband's blood was tested, she was found not to be making the necessary antibody and was therefore a suitable candidate for treatment. The couple went to the St Mary's clinic. A pint of her husband's blood was taken.

The white cells and lymphocytes were extracted and carefully washed before being injected into Susan. She says: "It seemed rather a non-event. The injection didn't hurt, there were no after-effects, just a little bump in the skin for a while. Three weeks later she returned for a blood test and was told she was now making the necessary antibody. She became pregnant six months later.

That pregnancy was like a nightmare – each week reminded me of when something had gone wrong with previous pregnancies. Then my father died. But I went to full term, had a two-hour labour and produced a normal healthy 7lb 2oz boy." In her delight she said to her husband: "If it's that easy let's have another." With no further immunization they now have a gorgeous three-month-old daughter. Susan adds: "I still feel on a tremendous high, that I am on the receiving end of a modern miracle."

Professor Mowbray's work was inspired in the way that so many research ideas start – a chance meeting. In 1979, while choosing wallpaper one Saturday morning, he met a gynaecologist friend who said: "I've got some women who are having recurrent miscarriage. People tell me it might be immunological. Is there anything you can do about it?" Mowbray had discovered through his work with kidney transplants a decade earlier that if he did not transfuse those patients, they rejected the kidney. He set out to see whether a group of women not making the vital antibody to their husband's cells were rejecting the baby, much as the kidneys had been rejected.

When he started the research in 1979 he suspected that lack of the correct antibody would be relevant to only about a tenth of recurrent miscarrying women. He now believes that it causes about 80 per cent of recurring miscarriages in this particular group of women. Since the 70 births to date have all produced normal children a genetic abnormality is not a prime cause of recurrent miscarriage.

Professor Mowbray says: "To make the treatment more widely available it will be necessary to find a simpler method of immunization. Since 22 per cent of the pregnancies treated with paternal cells miscarried (one had a chromosome abnormality). We must improve methods of identifying women who are suitable for treatment."

Now he hopes to do some fundamental research in order to understand better the different mechanisms by which the immunization works.

Professor Beard adds: "Mowbray's observations are very exciting. Speaking as an obstetrician, if an immune defect is such a common factor in recurrent miscarriage, it is likely to underlie the whole spectrum of problems in pregnancy, such as premature labour, babies who don't grow properly and babies who die."

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Strange tails from the depths of the garden pond

FIRST PERSON

Vivien Tomlinson

Lawns look like getting smaller this year. The British, it seems, are cutting great chunks out with enthusiasm last seen in the days of the Anderson shelter. The cause of this activity swims blithely up and down your local garden centre water tank: the Japanese koi carp. "It's wonderful the way people have taken these fish to their hearts", says my nurseryman. "A couple of years ago you could reckon on about one person in a hundred making inquiries about fish and ponds. Now I'd say it was fifty-fifty. People start off with goldfish and maybe a pair of golden orfe. Before you know it they're hooked on koi carp. The king of the pond."

And the king of the pond knows it. He's more stately than your average goldfish, comes in magnificent hues from orange to royal blue and grows, with any luck, to the size of a fat corgi.

By the time he's reached full corgi size you and he will have aged the odd decade or so. You'll have fed him on special miniature briquettes that are vitamin-packed and float on the water. When he's the size of a royal dog you'll own anything up to three thousand pounds worth of fish.

"People think nothing of spending a hundred pounds – even up to a thousand pounds – on kois for their pond", says Nick Fletcher, editor of the monthly magazine, *Practical Fishkeeping*, which broke all records for circulation last year. "More than 30,000 copies sell each month which shows you the interest there is these days. Once people were content with just a bit of a hole in the ground and a few goldfish. These days they're wanting bigger and better landscaped ponds with best quality linings that don't leak, and deeper water so the fish can overwinter safely.

> Over our pond, right on cue, cruised a heron, the bird-world version of a bomber on reconnaissance

"They're spending a great deal of money on both the fish and the equipment, such as pumps and filtration systems, to keep the water pure and balanced. The interest in ponds generally and kois in particular, is phenomenal. Waterfalls, rock features, night-time lighting, you name it, people want it."

We have a pond in our back garden, but we've certainly no money left to splash out on underwater lighting or spray-spewing cherubs. Since we first dug what looked like a mass grave in the lawn both the pond and its contents have fought a brave battle against fate and finances.

"We'll have to keep our eyes open for the heron", I said as the first of our 21 tiny koi and goldfish were gently emptied into the new pond. Overhead, right on cue, cruised the bird-world's version of a bomber on a reconnaissance mission.



The next morning our neighbour thought he was hallucinating as he puffed his way to the end of a dawn jog. The massive heron wing-span just missed him as it took off from our pond and cleared the pasty fence. An immediate fish count proved two out of the 21 fish had also cleared the party fence. A net was brought.

But that was no match for the cats. One koi, a bit slower than the rest, ended its days with a wicked gash down its back. Yet the remaining 18 grew that summer at a remarkable rate. Safe in their heron-free pond with watermint, elodea and two dozen water snails for company, they thrived. They ate out of our hands, though not every member of the family could take the sensation of a gummy koi kiss on the fingers.

But the drought which followed did dreadful things to the sides of the pond. Land started to cave in. The expensive plastic-type liner buckled and my husband started shoring it up and paving the surrounds. The fish were unconcerned. Large and full of life, they swam past my husband, his hammer, chisel and occasional curses. Then the chisel slipped the wrong way. A tiny gash in the liner caused the unthinkable. We were on our hands and knees with buckets and mud-thrashing fish within the hour. Yet they survived the big leak. By nightfall they were swishing and turning under our taps in the bath.

We lost a lovely koi the next day on the bath mat. It had jumped out in the night to celebrate its survival. I trod on it with bare feet in the morning. Outside, the repair to the liner and the entire rebuilding of the pond was taking longer than planned. We bought a paddling pool. "Is that for us to bathe in?" my son asked.

> We lost a lovely koi on the bathmat. It had jumped out to celebrate its survival. . . I trod on it.

The fish found their third home in one week. We netted the paddling pool off from the heron but stupidly didn't lower the net enough to stop the fish from jumping out of the shallows. The first morning there were four large kois dead on the grass, including my favourite shimmering gold koi with funny little flippers.

The pond repaired, 13 fish were lowered back to their original base. Up and down, round and round they swam like they'd never been away. Then the drought and continuing hot weather tightened its hold. With no pump to oxygenate the water, the fish were gasping at the surface. During one thunderstorm our loveliest and biggest king koi, by now 10 inches long, gave up the ghost.

"The smaller ones should be all right", said another fish owner as we left for a summer holiday with a neighbour keeping an eye and feeding the fish. When we returned our bin was half full with dead fish. We were down to the magnificent seven. And they didn't look so good.

We've now got a pump. We've also got about 20 baby fish which weathered last summer's emergencies, their parents' jaws, and four inches of ice. Peering under the reeds recently I counted the babies. Seventeen assorted dark goldfish with fat bodies and large fins. And three kois. Those tiny coloured fry hadn't all vanished. One is orange and black, one is silver and black. The third is shimmering gold with funny little flippers. Come into the garden, Maude. You ain't seen nothing yet.

PEREGRINE WORSTHORNE
on Princess Michael of Kent:
"A child who comes from a long line of heroes is a better bet than one who comes from a long line of villains, and the same obviously applies in reverse. Surely not even the Bishop of Durham would pretend that it made no difference whether Jesus Christ was the son of God or the son of the Devil."

WILLIAM DEEDES
on his V.E. Day:
"We had begun an expensive five years of blood and tears in order to rid Europe of Hitler. We were to finish it by handing some of the spoils to Stalin. Ah, well, mercifully I had not grasped as much on this unusual summer night of 1945."

P J KAVANAGH
on *Lawrence of Arabia:*
"I stood next to Peter O'Toole in a freezing corridor, waiting for our cue, I wondered why his eyes were so unnaturally blue, his hair so unnaturally yellow, and whether he had had a nose-job. It was no surprise that studio gossip reported he had been christened 'Florence of Arabia'. . ."

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THE TIMES DIARY

There's a word for it

Political distortions in Soviet editions of Oxford University Press dictionaries – first reported in the Diary – were obtained by the Russians offering OUP a financial "carrot". They offered to pay in convertible currency rather than nonconvertible roubles, the usual practice. The employee held responsible, said to have been fired by "misguided enthusiasm", has since left OUP. The deal, currently causing the publishers acute embarrassment, affected two of its dictionaries, *The Oxford Student's Dictionary of Current English*, and *The Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary*, in which definitions were changed for the words communism, imperialism, Marxism, fascism, Bolshevism and internationalism. OUP said yesterday it would never again allow such changes regardless of the temptation offered.

High splits

Britain's aristocrats are divorcing at a staggering rate, according to Charles Kidd, the editor of *Debrett's Peerage and Baronetage*, updated for the first time in five years and published yesterday. He finds the divorce rate among Debrett's subjects at least one in five – "and they say divorce is most prevalent in the working classes". New names in the edition are Jimmy Boyle, the Glasgow gangland killer; Fiona Richmond and David Frost – through their spouses, of course.

Who he?

Who will present the Government's message in a forthcoming series of television ads on heroin abuse I do not know, but it will not be Pete Townshend. According to a report commissioned by the Government from market researchers Andrew Irving, the former lead singer of The Who is "too old to be a credible presenter amongst young people . . . his experience and age make him more appropriate as a presenter to *parents*." *How damning.*

On the dry side

In a re-election statement to members of the Monday Club, *Monday News* editor Stuart Notholt speaks of the need for a news magazine for the "radical Conservative viewpoint" rather than "the sycophantic grovelling rubbish churned out by Tory Central Office". He defines his radical viewpoint – in the latest edition of *Dreadnought*, which he also edits – as: "Support for populist, Nationalistic Toryism . . . stringing up murderers, IRA men, rapists, drug pushers, child molesters and anyone else we take a vehement dislike to . . . positive and material support for Western allies such as South Africa and Chile." Elswhere his mag describes the harassing of homosexuals "back into the ghetto" as "a laudable objective".

BARRY FANTONI



'To bid or not to bid? That is the question'

Not so funny

David Rosenthal, translator of the medieval Spanish romp *Tirant Lo Blanc*, published by Macmillan last year, received a prize in Barcelona last night for the best translation of an original Catalonian work. Next he begins a lecture tour of Valencia – and he fears he may be taking his life in his hands. Earlier this year, when he gave a lecture in the region, 200 Valencians in the audience began shouting that *Tirant* was a Valencian work, that he was a "thief", a "traitor" and a "Nazi", and came near to rioting. The terrified Rosenthal left the lecture theatre under police escort.

● **Bucks County Council has hit on a novel way to save £130,000: children who bring their own lunch to school will no longer be given knives, plates or beakers.**

Fine print

Aggrieved authors will doubtless be delighted to hear of the English Language Literary Trust, a recently-registered charity now seeking donations with which "to advance education in the art of writing and to promote the raising of literary standards". Delighted, that is, until they see that its executive director is Cecil Thyer-Turner. He was managing director and chairman respectively of Altrav Ltd and Surgevale Ltd, which published under the Bachman and Turner imprint until both went bust – the latter with liabilities of £47,854 and £148 in assets. Thyer-Turner denies a claim by the Society of Authors that he still owes authors money. But he has admitted in the past that some payments due to authors have been "forgotten", "overlooked" or "unduly delayed".

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An economic breeze of change

by Sarah Hogg

In 1978, when the economic summit club of seven heads of government last met in Bonn, Japan and West Germany were running large balance-of-payments surpluses. Their inflation rates were modest. The US was running an external deficit, and the dollar was weakening.

The parallels with today are obvious. But very different people and policies will be meeting on the Rhine at next week's summit.

Seven years ago, the world still liked to travel by locomotive. Those strong economies, West Germany and Japan, were seen as "engines of growth" which could drag the rest clear of rising unemployment. After months of negotiation by the "sherpas" – each government's economic diplomats – a degree of "concerted" reflation was agreed.

Mr James Callaghan's Labour Government had just delivered a Budget intended to add 1½ per cent to demand, and had been busy urging others to do the same. In the event, West Germany agreed to add 1 per cent of its much larger national income, while Japan said it would aim for 7 per cent overall growth, and thus (supposedly) suck in more imports. France agreed to add a modest half percentage point to home demand. By contrast, the United States undertook to tighten up its Budget and cut energy imports.

Quite soon after the 1978 summit, the reflationists of Bonn either lost office, or confidence in concerted action, or both. Inflation accelerated in 1979, and prices overtook jobs on the politicians' agenda. Bonn came to be seen as an expensive failure; reflation was not a word to be used in polite international society. And prevailing economic fashion decreed that if each government looked after its own problems, a free-floating system of exchange rates could be relied on to reconcile different national objectives.

This new mood left the summit sherpas with little more to do than rearrange commas in the annual communique, while their bosses garnered in everything from environmental pollution to democratic values to fill up the agenda. There was always, of course, trade to discuss: the one economic issue in which interdependence could scarcely be denied. But the mood has shifted again since the beginning of the decade, and the second Bonn summit provides a useful point of measurement.

Reflation, of course, is still a banned word. Monetary targets are still very firmly in favour. Public expenditure is still viewed with anxiety, as the rising cost of the welfare state threatens to swamp government finances in economies as diverse as Japan and France. Large budget deficits are deprecated in principle; even President Reagan, after all, believes they should be made unconstitutional – some day.

But unemployment has, in Europe, easily overtaken inflation as the most sensitive economic issue. The Americans, anxious about their deficit, are urging Europe to expand (and Japan to shift its growth towards domestic expansion). And almost everyone appears to be losing faith in floating exchange rates as a means of relieving tensions between very different national economies.

The need for "structural adjustment" was the first code for unease about sluggish European growth. It fitted with the policies which took hold at the beginning of the 1980s, since it suggested most of the impediments to growth were on the "supply side" of the economy: inefficient labour markets, inflexible wages, ineffectively used capital. This view was gaining ground even in 1978, and was used by the German government to resist faster reflation of demand.

Most summit communiques since 1978 have paid lip-service to the need for structural change in Europe. But more recently, two new threads have been added to the argument.

The first has been woven in by rising anxiety about exchange rates. Floating rates are no longer seen as a useful safety-valve, but as themselves a source of pressure. Intervention crept back into the vocabulary of central bankers, first to reduce volatility, then actually to increase it. We have seen only the very beginning of a shift that is likely to lead towards blocks of currencies, attempting to mitigate rather than manage the key rates between them.

Another shift is barely more perceptible: towards greater co-ordination of macroeconomic policies. This thread is hard to pick out, because it is in the interests of so many politicians to obscure it. But there are traces of it in European reflections that lower American interest rates, and a reduced demand for the world's savings by America, might create more headroom for investment within unchanged European targets. There are also traces of it in the suggestion by Mr Nigel Lawson that he would act to sustain his target (sorry, "forecast") for growth in nominal national income, were we to show signs of falling short.

There are whispers throughout Europe of an understanding that, through the wonderful workings of inter-Community trade, a combination of a wage slowdown with correspondingly easier-to-meet targets would produce more growth and less inflation than national attempts at faster growth. That kind of understanding is important. Inflation in Europe is lower, and unemployment higher, than in 1978; and when as respectable a monetary voice as Mr Paul Volcker of the Federal Reserve begins to warn Europe in general, and Germany in particular, about the dangers of self-strangulation, it behoves his old-world admirers to listen.

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Robert Fisk on the new power play as the Israelis pull out

Lebanon: carve-up without end

Beirut

It was a balmy spring afternoon down by the waters of the Litani river. Dark poppies were blossoming in the little wadis, along with a bright, straggling mayweed that gave the rocky terrain a kind of vivacious glamour. The winter snows were still melting into the Litani and the river splashed past the Qaqiyat bridge in a brown torrent. Only the Finnish soldiers of the United Nations force in southern Lebanon, lounging amid the long grass with their canned beers, gave voice to an understanding of how deceptive it all was.

"This place," announced a bespectacled lieutenant from far north of Helsinki, "could soon become a free-fire zone." He was staring southwards where, high up on a bluff, an Israeli army bulldozer was working on the defences to the buffer zone which Israel intends to control after its army has made its final exit from Lebanon. Every few minutes, a cascade of rocks tumbled down the mountain side with a distant roar. Lebanon was about to acquire another, even more dangerous, front line.

Amid the curious sense of euphoria detectable in some western capitals, now that most of the Israeli army is leaving, it is worth remembering that the war here is as volatile as the civil conflict elsewhere in the country. Israel's Lebanese militia allies are going to control the new enclave with a ruthless hand, knowing that they can count on Israel to support them in any dispute with the UN. Israeli occupation troops have entered the UN zone at will during the past two and a half years, destroying homes, arresting hundreds of civilians and sometimes killing villagers. There is no reason why their Lebanese allies will not feel free to do the same.

The Lebanese guerrilla war will be brought right into UN areas when the Israelis complete their pull-out for the "national resistance" movement is not going to let Israel keep a proxy army inside Lebanese territory. "Last night," the Finnish officer said, "the Israelis shot a 12-year-old boy in the back as he walked down a wadi. We got him to hospital at Naqqoura. How do you expect their allies are going to behave? The resistance is not going to sit back because the Israelis say they've gone."

Indeed, President Assad of Syria yesterday urged Lebanese guerrillas to redouble their attacks on the Israelis and their allies in the Lebanon. Shia leaders in Beirut have meanwhile been saying that they will launch attacks against Israel itself if Lebanese Shia prisoners – moved from the Answar camp to Israel earlier this month amid great controversy – are not immediately released. All of which takes Lebanon nearer the "scorched earth" policy which Israel has sworn to undertake if it is attacked.



After routing their Sunni rivals and Arafat supporters last week, a Shia militiaman scratches a victory sign with his bayonet: 'What is taken by force will return by force'

The Syrians point out that the phrase "scorched earth" was invented by an army which had suffered a humiliating defeat. If Israel wants to turn Lebanon into another Vietnam – so goes the official view in Damascus – then Syria will allow it to do so. The Lebanese government, after all, is not going to protest to the United Nations at the continued presence of 30,000 Syrian troops on its soil. And it is Israel that has been condemned these past few weeks for the beating and killing of civilians in Lebanon. It will be condemned in much harsher terms if it deliberately tries to depopulate the south.

Syria is not idle in Lebanon itself. The Druze, who faithfully purged Yassir Arafat's militia sympathizers in Beirut last week, were rewarded on Wednesday by being allowed to occupy the heights of Jebel Barouk, the towering, snow-covered peak which the Israelis had abandoned during their withdrawal. It should have been the Lebanese army that took possession of the mountain. For their trustworthiness, the Syrians also gave the Druze Progressive Socialist Party some new weapons: a series of Soviet-made BMP-1 amphibious armoured infantry carriers and a further selection of old T-54 tanks.

The crushing of any Arafat renaissance in Beirut is an aspiration shared – though for different reasons – by both Israel and Syria. Syria wants to keep the PLO under control – which it cannot do with Arafat as chairman – while Israel wants to see the destruction of the entire organization. Between them, both countries have virtually achieved this end in Lebanon. The fact that neither nation wants a revolutionary Palestinian state as a neighbour ensures that the PLO is likely to remain crushed in Lebanon for the foreseeable future.

But Syria remains outside America's Middle East policies and as long as this is the case – as long as President Mubarak of Egypt and King Husain of Jordan are seen as the prime movers for a "just" peace – Syria will be in no mood to permit the Israelis a smooth passage in southern Lebanon. There is talk of secret plans for a meeting between Presidents Reagan and Assad. Certainly, the Syrians have been happy enough to entertain Richard Murphy, the US Assistant Secretary of State.

But if Syria remains ostracized, then Assad will continue to encourage the Lebanese resistance to enhance his own Middle East strategy. It is a shrewd enough move, for neither Israel nor Syria wants a serious military conflict. Significantly in both Damascus and Beirut there are persistent reports that a private deal was reached between the US and the Soviet Union at the Vienna talks in February. According to these reports, they agreed to leave the Middle East states for a few months to work out their own salvation without encouraging them to expect help in negotiating peace from their respective superpower backers.

In this context, the US made it clear to a western nation contributing soldiers to the UN in Lebanon that the UN force could expect no help from Washington in any conflict with the Israelis. Similarly, Arafat's complaints about the treatment of his sympathizers in Beirut last week received no response from Moscow. In other words, Israel and Syria have a free hand in Lebanon, and they are going to use it.

Which brings one to the Lebanese. President Gemayel is discredited now even with his own Christian Maronite supporters but his mandate does not end until 1988. Until then there can be no real changes in Lebanon's 1943 covenant, and 10 years of butchery have failed to take Lebanon one inch down the road of social equality and progress. The country is fragmented and its people are settling in cantons, as fiercely defended and xenophobic as any in the Middle Ages.

The Maronites will certainly stay in the mountains north of Beirut, the Shia Muslims will remain in West Beirut, possibly squeezing the Druze in the city up into their own heartland of the Chouf. The Druze could well push south towards the now undefended Christian town of Jezzine. The Christians of the Jezzine area would then flood yet further south to the Israeli frontier, to that very buffer zone which Israel is now creating between its border and the violently anti-Israeli Shia villages east of Tyre.

It will be interesting to see, therefore, whether any pressure on the Christians of Jezzine coincides with Israeli retaliation against the Shias of the south, with a scorched earth policy that would, by and by, provide land for a Christian influx.

Such a Christian population in the south would be in a state of permanent war with the rest of Lebanon. The United Nations would be finished here. And so would Lebanon.

What really happened in Vietnam?

Ten years after the fall of Saigon, "revisionist" scholars in the US have begun taking a hard look at many of the certainties cherished about of the war. In place of angry debate about whether Vietnam was "lost" and by whom, whether the cause was noble or repugnant, they are interested in working out what actually happened – in the White House and Hanoi, on the battlefields, in the Vietnamese countryside and the heartland of America. Already, as Fox Butterfield points out in an article in the *New York Times*, their research is presenting a complex and ambiguous picture.

Evidence is emerging to suggest that the American war effort was considerably more successful than has been assumed. In the South Vietnamese countryside, says Samuel Popkin, one of the few Vietnamese-speaking researchers to work there, signs of a power shift appeared as early as 1970. Returning to a cluster of villages he had first studied four years earlier, Popkin found distinct reservations about Vietcong capability. The Tet offensive of 1968 had much to do with this, he considers: Americans may have been shocked by television coverage of guerrillas in the cities, even attacking their own embassy, but the peasants were more impressed by seeing great piles of Vietcong corpses after what is now accepted to have been a disaster for the communists. There was an immediate scurry to enlist sons of military age in the government's local defence forces, out of reach of Vietcong recruiters.

Another important factor in weakening the Vietcong's grip on the countryside after Tet turns out to have been one of the most controversial US undertakings in Vietnam: Operation Phoenix.

It is a matter of record that many innocent civilians were among the victims of a programme designed to liquidate the communist infrastructure; contemporary critics of the programme argued that it did far more harm than good. But for all its repellent aspects, with South Vietnamese turning each other in for reward money, Phoenix worked. When Stanley Karnow, the distinguished American reporter of the war from its earliest years, returned to Vietnam in 1981, he was told at high level that a great many southern cadres had indeed been wiped out, severely hampering Vietcong operations.

The widespread assumption that massive US spending in Vietnam was casting dollars into the wind (or into the pockets of corrupt politicians and generals) is also contested today. Until the mid-1960s, Popkin maintains, peasants were content to live within the "liberated" zones of the south because the disciplined communists levied lower and fairer taxes than landowners in government-controlled areas. But by taking well-paid work on American projects to build roads, schools, bases and so on, peasant families began to have enough money to improve their land – buying modern irrigation pumps, perhaps, or fertilisers. With a rising standard of living, they came to resent the Vietcong's military activities around them. Blown bridges, mined roads and ruined crops – all made a hard existence that much harder.

After Tet, Popkin found, the shattered Vietcong were forced to raise their war taxes, further alienating the villagers among whom they lived and fought. The great problem, as every new batch of eager young advisers discovered, was translating wavering support for the enemy into enthusiasm for the government far away in Saigon, and the lazy, corrupt officials it imposed upon them.

Appropriately, perhaps, for such a mismanaged war, the US conceded that victory was unreachable at a moment when it had probably never been doing so well. Towards the end of 1972, with the countryside officially 90 per cent pacified, the saturation bombing of Hanoi and the mining of Haiphong appeared to be inflicting the degree of shock which US planners had always believed would eventually persuade the enemy to stop fighting.

A young navy pilot, Jeremiah Denton, was senior US officer in a PoW camp near Hanoi at the time. Six years of captivity and countless gruelling interrogations had, he recalls, given him a close understanding of North Vietnamese attitudes. Now a US senator for Alabama, Denton is convinced that the bombing had totally broken the enemy's will.

Re-examination of the US experience in Vietnam is still far from complete. Millions of pages of military documents, for instance, are still waiting to be unpacked in a huge warehouse near Washington. But, as Henry Kissinger observed recently: "The lapse of a decade should enable America to face its past." As this process continues, so will the challenge to many fervently held beliefs and comfortable moral assumptions.

Philip Jacobson

David Watt

Where Truman went wrong

The passion for anniversaries has already conjured up so many dubious spirits this spring that I hesitate to raise another. Nevertheless my particular ghost deserves, I think, his walk on the battlements.

Thirty-five years ago this week, on April 25, 1950, the US National Security Council approved a top-secret document known as NSC 68. Prepared by order of President Truman, it set out to "reexamine American objectives in peace and war" in the light of the explosion of the first Soviet atomic bomb in 1949. It chartered, in fact, the course of US foreign policy, and indeed much of world history, up to the present and must be considered one of the two or three most important state papers this century.

It is hard to convey in a few paragraphs the flavour and significance of an argument 60 pages long, but its essential point is to say that NSC 68 accepted, for the first time, the burden of imposing an American order on the whole of world affairs. At any time between 1946 and 1949 there would have been general assent in Washington to some of its main propositions – Moscow's implacable enmity and aggressive intention towards free institutions in general and the US in particular; the impossibility of a return to prewar isolation; the vital need, in the interests of American security, to prevent Western Europe, and possibly the Middle East, from falling under Soviet domination.

That, after all, had been the rationale for the Marshall Plan in 1947 and the foundation of Nato in 1949. What was not asserted until NSC 68 was that, the whole globe was strategically a single battlefield and that any fresh increase of Soviet influence in any part of it was a threat to America's own ability to flourish in freedom. The logic by which this far-reaching conclusion was arrived at was by no means simple. It was probably as much an emotional as a logical process. But the main elements were:

● A growing belief that the Soviet leaders really were bent on "world domination"; and that they were guided by "the simple consideration of weakening the world power position of the US." In this situation a "spheres of influence settlement" was unreal.

● A perception that Soviet military strength, now boosted with atomic weapons, gave the Russians the capacity to confront the US with an impossible dilemma – that of either "reacting totally to a limited extension of Soviet control or of not reacting at all." This would lead to "gradual withdrawal under the direct or indirect pressure of the Soviet Union, until we discover one day that we have sacrificed positions of vital interest."

● A new fear about the effects of an *appearance* of American weakness. "The risk of having to capitulate or precipitate a global war is bad enough but it is multiplied by the weakness it imparts to our position in the cold war. Instead of appearing strong and resolute we are continually at the verge of appearing and being alternately irresolute and desperate". The danger was that allies and potential allies would, as a result, "drift into a course of neutrality eventually leading to Soviet domination."

What, then, was to be done? One possibility specifically raised in NSC 68, but firmly rejected, was of a pre-emptive military strike against the Soviet Union before it could match US nuclear superiority. This was dismissed partly on the creditable ground that the idea of "preventive war" is "generally unacceptable to Americans" and partly because of an estimate that an American atomic attack alone "would not force or induce the Kremlin to capitulate". The only alternative was to ensure, by means of a rapid and sustained build-up of strength, that Western superiority was continued – for, as the paper roundly asserted, "without superior aggregate military strength, in being and readily mobilizable, a policy of 'containment' – which is in effect a policy of calculated and gradual coercion – is no more than a policy of bluff".

For the authors of NSC 68 the crucial question was whether the US public would stand for such a policy. For themselves, they were not too troubled by doubts: "The integrity of our system will not be jeopardised by any measures, covert or overt, violent or non-violent, which serve the purpose of frustrating the Kremlin design". But they acknowledged that in a free society the resort to force "must commend itself to the overwhelming majority as an inescapable exception to the basic idea of freedom".

This entailed a willingness to negotiate (not, for the foreseeable future, "as a separate course of action but rather as a means of gaining support for a programme of strength, of recording . . . progress in the cold war"). It also meant a dramatic presentation of the issues to the American public.

An ironic feeling of uncanny continuity is the main sensation one gets from re-reading NSC 68. Quite apart from the fact that its main author was none other than the veteran Paul Nitze, now the Reagan administration's (moderate) adviser on arms control but then head of the State Department's policy planning staff, it states the East-West policies of President Reagan's first term in a form, rhetorical as well as substantial, that the most vociferous Republican "hawk" would find acceptable. And since, in the context of 1950, with Stalin at the height of his power, such policies have rightly entered the Western historic consciousness as right and even heroic, the inevitable question arises: why (except to the ardent New Right) do they strike a jarring note today?

A brief answer would be that NSC 68, for all its bravura, was flawed even in 1950, and that because no subsequent American administration has entirely freed itself from its assumptions, these flaws have become more and more serious. First, it defined Western interests almost entirely in terms of Soviet policy and not in terms of their comparative real importance to the US thus, in effect, putting the initiative for American policy into Moscow's hands. Secondly, its implications could be sold domestically only by scaring the American people. And finally, it offered no coherent strategy for negotiation or coexistence with the Soviet Union to whom a complete Western victory was hardly likely to appeal.

The first course led ultimately to Vietnam; the second to McCarthyism and the wild fluctuations of the 1960s; and the third to the very frustration among Western allies that NSC 68 feared most. In 35 years we ought to have learnt something from all this. Sometimes I even think we have.

***moreover* . . . Miles Kington**

Spinning yarns as well as discs

Yesterday, when I was so rudely interrupted by the bottom of the page, I was talking about the way *jazz musicians' lives are a rich* source of good stories for dramatist and film-maker. Anyone who can't stand the way jazz sounds is doomed to miss a lot of good melodrama and eccentricity.

Take Cassino Simpson, for example, a pianist who flourished in the 1930s. John Chilton's indispensable *Who Who of Jazz* says concisely that he "worked as accompanist for Frankie Jaxon, but this arrangement came to an abrupt end when Simpson was charged with attempting to manslaughter that singer. . . ." Of all the pianists who have wanted to murder their singer, Simpson was the only one who ever tried. He paid for it by spending his last 20 years in the Illinois State Hospital for Mental Diseases. Here he made some piano solo recordings, some of them almost manic.

Take Joe Venuti, who not only invented jazz violin, but was one of the most consummate practical jokers. He it was who hired a double bass player to turn up at 10 am on a certain street corner. He then phoned 39 other bass players for the same non-existent job. Venuti himself spent a pleasant half-hour in a taxi, cruising round the block and watching the 40 bass players trying to sort out the situation. He was also present at a debate of musicians who were wondering what note a piano would make if dropped from a height: Venuti hired a piano and pushed it out of a fifth-floor window to find out.

One almost over-rich source of jazz anecdotage is *We Called It Music* by Eddie Condon, a book everyone seems to have forgotten about. As a lad I was terribly disappointed by Scott Fitzgerald, the so-called writer of The Jazz Age – I went through his novels and found nothing about jazz anywhere. But Condon's book filled the gap, being the 1920s described by a real jazz musician surrounded by characters Fitzgerald would have sold his eyeteeth to invent.

Perhaps the best episode in the book describes the time that Condon was hired as Fats Waller's minder by a record company, to keep Fats sober and organized for three days before a recording session. It was a hopeless task. On the morning of the session, Condon remembers waking up, fully clothed, in a night club, with Fats Waller fast asleep on the cushions beside him. They had two hours left to get a band and a repertoire together. How they did it still makes me grin, and the records they made that day still get my feet tapping.

What other stories are there? Well, there's the black American who spent a year in jail in France for shooting someone, and 20 years later to become the grand old man of French jazz (Sidney Bechet). There's the black man and the white man who were given six months inside for smoking marijuana but were allowed out every night to play with their groups (Louis Armstrong and Vic Berton, 1930) There's the gipsy guitarist who became a star in German-occupied France at a time when most gipsies were being liquidated and who, rather than do a tour of Germany, tried to escape into Switzerland only to be caught and let off by a jazz-loving German official (Django). . . .

"The one thing I've always thought was missing from jazz was a jazz critic with a story worth telling, and now even he has come along. Mike Zwerin is the excellent jazz correspondent for the *Herald Tribune*, but he started out in the 1940s playing with Miles Davis. Later, in about 1960, he became president of the Dome Steel Corporation and a full-time jazz musician at the same time. Later he toured Russia playing with Earl Hines. "I have more in common with a Russian jazz musician than with my American banker," he says in his *Close Enough For Jazz*, which came out recently from Quartet and contains some of the best writing and strangest experiences ever to come out of the field.

And there are plenty there already.

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ABROAD THOUGHTS FROM HOME

As viewed from Capitol Hill, the world is a homely place. In Moscow Mr Tip O'Neill sizes up the Soviet leader as if he were a new ward boss from downtown Boston. In Washington two senators, still warm from the embrace of Senor Ortega, play at diplomacy by presenting Managua's latest promise of good – but future – conduct. Here and there Congress dabbles in foreign policy, an activity with a long and not always glorious history in which Congressmen have been as much receivers of foreign cash (from the Jacobins of Paris in the 1790s to South Korean intelligence in the 1970s) as suppliers.

The Senate is capable of grave debate; the House of Representatives of expressing the mood of America. But in the making of positive foreign policy Congress – that tumult of special and regional interest – has rarely distinguished itself. The creation and maintenance of the Western Alliance, to take that single, vital example, has rested on the strength of the Presidential office. Congress has, however, generally accepted its subordinate position. During the Vietnam war it was with deep misgivings that Congress adhered to restrictions on the President's war powers. The sense of imbalance between White House and Capitol Hill became most acute in the Carter years; regardless of the merits of the issues, the spectacle of one presidential treaty, SALT II, failing ratification and another, the Panama Canal Treaty, requiring a huge, wasteful lobbying effort dismayed Congressmen and admirers of the American legislature alike.

What is remarkable in the years since – and even still today despite the rejection in the House of Representatives of President Reagan's package of direct aid to the Contras – is how quickly the pendulum has swung back nearer its proper position. Even in the depths of the Democrat-controlled House there is acceptance for the broad gauge of the President's articulation of American interests in the world. A test of the maturity of Congress is its treatment of the CIA, potentially so useful a tool of diplomacy. This week's debates in Washington have, of course, seen a knee-jerk rejection of the CIA's larger role (an uncomfortable paradox of Nicaragua having been the exhibition of what should have remained the agency's covert work) but the CIA is now incomparably stronger than a decade ago, thanks to Congressional backing.

The votes this week on Nicaragua were not, as some have argued, an historic failure of Congressional vision, myopia about Central American communism. Too many Washington politicians share the Administration's anxiety about the region for that to be true. What failed on this occasion was perception of the urgency of the case for maintaining the Contras, and perhaps here the President can be faulted.

President Reagan is said to be a lame duck; but such a bird can still fly high, far and fast, and he is not ready for a duck shoot. He has great political strengths, for he owes nothing to 1988's electoral politics; his obligations are now to his own sense of place in history. His commitments of principle – for example to preventing the evolution of the Managua regime into a model of Soviet-Cuban socialism – can and ought to be expressed with a clarity denied other politicians making electoral calculations. President Reagan has, moreover, a direct line to Americans; that above all was shown by last November's result. This week's votes are not irreversible nor (given the willingness of the House to arm the President with trade and diplomatic sanctions against Managua) irredeemable. It is members of the House of Representatives, some Senators, who face the polls next year and who stand vulnerable to a full and convincing expression by the President to the people of foreign policy imperatives in Nicaragua and elsewhere. Congress, true to form, has not wholly grasped that.

A PEACEFUL PACT, WARSAW STYLE

Will Mr Gorbachov launch another peace initiative when speaking to the Soviet bloc leaders assembled in Warsaw today to renew their military alliance? Will he suggest the dissolution of both the Warsaw Pact and Nato as a major step towards reducing tensions? It would not be a new proposal – but neither was his offer of a freeze on missile deployment, which still scored some success with western politicians and peace movements.

The Warsaw Treaty was initialled on May 14, 1955, and renewed for a further ten years in 1975. On that occasion the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko, said that the socialist countries had never reconciled themselves to the division of Europe into military groups. And he repeated Moscow's call for the abolition of the two military organizations. Unfortunately, neither then nor now can this be a genuinely reciprocal arrangement. The North Atlantic Treaty is the sole defence agreement linking America and Western Europe, while the countries of the Warsaw Pact are closely tied to Moscow by a series of bilateral treaties covering the stationing of Soviet forces in the host country co-operation and mutual assistance, which would still remain valid. Integration of military policy is facilitated also by the ruling communist parties, for the most part firmly subordinated to the Kremlin.

Not all the member states, however, welcome a further 20 years of the Warsaw Pact. The Romanians, who have no Soviet garrisons, take a more independent line, by refusing to send their troops on joint exercises and reportedly arguing for a renewal period of just five years. Albania, sheltered from its allies by Yugoslavia, ended its participation in 1961 and later denounced the Warsaw Treaty as "an aggressive pact in the hands of the Soviet revisionist clique for enslaving the very countries participating in it".

After Soviet tanks suppressed the 1956 rising, the Hungarian premier, Imre Nagy, was accused by Moscow of illegally announcing Hungary's withdrawal from the alliance, and executed for treason. In 1968, Warsaw Pact forces crushed the Prague Spring, and now in Afghanistan the Bulgarians and East Germans – Moscow's most reliable allies – are again helping to restore order under the banners of proletarian internationalism.

Last Tuesday Mr Gorbachov claimed that the united action of the fraternal socialist states in international affairs ensured a peaceful future for mankind by restraining the "aggressive Nato bloc". In fact, internal pressures are much more of a threat than Nato to the peace and stability of eastern Europe. Yesterday's elaborate security arrangements in the streets of Warsaw before the arrival of the communist leaders suggested that they lacked confidence in the attitude of ordinary Poles to the alliance.

The present commander-in-chief, Marshal Viktor Kulikov, is First Deputy Defence Minister of the USSR; all three of his predecessors and all the chiefs of staff were Soviet career officers. Most of the allied officers in the Committee of Defence Ministers were trained in the USSR, and chosen for their loyalty to party and to Moscow rather than their military skills, and all are expected to speak fluent Russian, which simplifies the task of the Soviet officers serving as advisors with East European units. Weapons and equipment are standardized, greatly easing logistics during joint exercises. Soviet divisions are garrisoned in Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and East Germany, where they outnumber GDR troops by more than three to one.

The Treaty promises respect for the sovereignty of member countries and non-interference in their affairs. East Europeans certainly resent Moscow's disregard for these principles, and in both the Kremlin and Nato headquarters there is much speculation about what they would do in a crisis. Despite the renewal of the Warsaw pact, no one can be sure which way their guns will point.

AT THE WATERSHED?

The six metropolitan counties were the creation of Mr Heath's administration with Mr Peter Walker in the ministerial chair. So were *the nine regional water* authorities in England and one in Wales. The metropolitan counties are under sentence of death from Mrs Thatcher's administration, which now has a beady eye on the water authorities as possible candidates for privatization. The symmetry does not end there. The House of Lords has been the rallying place for opposition to the Government's local authority reforms, and it was in the House of Lords that the first shots were fired earlier this week to warn the Government off water.

With 52,000 employees and assets put at £27 billion, the water authorities are a juicy prey for a government dedicated to reducing the size of the public sector. The minister who spoke in the Lords was careful to say that the Government has not decided to privatize the water industry: "What we have done is to start on an exercise to discover how we would arrange the affairs of the water industry if we did so decide". The first move is a paper sent for comment to the water authorities which poses 52 questions raising such cumulative difficulty that one wonders if the authors' heart is in it.

The achievement of the Walker reform was to create administrative areas comprising one or more river basins large enough to come within reasonable distance of self-sufficiency in water supply; and to bring powers and functions together so that within each area a single authority has responsibility for the entire water cycle *from* catchment through purification, distribution, drainage, sewage treatment, and recycling to ultimate discharge. Few would dispute that that is a necessary part of the right structure to get the most out of the nation's not *unlimited* water resources. The Government's present intention is to preserve that structure while seeing if private enterprise with its attendant advantages can be spliced into it.

There is no question that a place can be found in the water industry for private enterprise since a place already is found for it. Some thirty private undertakers have survived the reorganizations of the past to supply nearly a quarter of the water consumed. These are the statutory water companies with their own shareholders, management and access to capital markets. They are however the creatures of private Acts of Parliament. The dividends and interest they pay are subject to limitation by external authority. Their charges must be agreed with the water authority or, failing that, the minister. They are subject to public utility obligations, and they operate only as the agents of the water authorities. These restrictions reflect the conditions it has hitherto been thought right to impose on commercial participation in the provision of the public water supply.

The restrictions are an inhibition on enterprise and the profit motive to a point at which the full benefits of the free market cease to become available. The question is whether the framework for a less encumbered business regime could be devised for a situation where there is negligible scope for competition and where standards must be imposed by public authority if only for reasons of health.

There is a further fence to be jumped. If, as is at present agreed, a comprehensive regulatory authority is to be retained for each of the present groups of river basins with responsibility for conservation of water resources, levels of abstraction, land drainage, pollution, the regulation of discharges, sea defences, fisheries and navigation, it would have to be a public authority; and its functions would impinge to an extent quite unusual in private industry on the companies that might be set up to take over the operational side of the water authorities' present activities.

The Government's paper holds up the model of the Office of the Director General of Telecommunications (Oftel) which has been established to oversee British Telecom with a watching brief for the public interest. There are however differences between telephones and taps large enough to imply differences of regulative necessity. Unlike telephone conversations fresh water is a finite natural resource of potential scarcity at least from time to time. The degrees of monopoly are not the same either. One can communicate other than by telephone; one cannot wash other than in water.

The debate the Government has opened is well worth pursuing. The standing superiority of competitive private enterprise over public administration in trading activities has its application to water, as the recent tussle between Thames Water and the environment department over pricing policy well illustrated. The question is how to take advantage of that superiority in relation to the distribution of an essential, unsubstitutable, possibly scarce natural commodity; its environmental importance; and the need for public regulation those characteristics suggest. The answer to that question is not yet on the table.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Peace Movement's links with Russia

From Lord Orr-Ewing

Sir, Mr Lamond, MP, claimed on the BBC *Today* programme (April 24) and in the Press that the World Peace Conference was not a Soviet front organization. The following facts confirm that it has always been, and still is.

It was formed in Paris at the end of the 1940s. It was thrown out for "fifth column activities" and moved to Vienna. When the Soviets withdrew from Austria and it became neutral in 1956, it was directed to move "in the interests of the Austrian state." It then used the International Institute for Peace, which was in the same building, as a front until the WPC was resurrected in 1968 in Helsinki.

Since 1977 the head of the WPC has been Romesh Chandra, a prominent member of the Indian Communist Party and a past member of its central committee. In July, 1977 he said, "The Soviet Union invariably supports the Peace Movement: the WPC in its turn *positively reacts to all Soviet initiatives in international affairs.*"

This quotation is taken from the Soviet international affairs weekly entitled *New Times*, July, 1975. When Chandra in 1981 attended the Soviet Party Congress, he stated: "Peace has been the banner of the Soviet State from the moment of its birth," and later, "When people *are fighting for peace* and a new life, the Soviet Union is invariably standing by their side."

That their current position is the same as that 30 years ago is well proven by an extract from *Tribune* (February 4, 1955) in an article written by Donald (now Lord) Soper, a veteran pacifist:

I am quite satisfied that the WPC and the British Peace Committee (it later became the British Peace Assembly) . . . are primarily organs of Russian propaganda. I would want to discourage peace-lovers in England from allowing themselves to become the well-meaning but inevitable pawns of the Russian party line.

There are many more quotations to prove my point. I find it difficult to believe that Mr Lamond is so naive as not to know the facts.

Yours faithfully,
IAN ORR-EWING,
House of Lords.
April 25.

Back to the Tudors

From Mr Douglas Jay

Sir, In his letter in your columns of April 23 about the new Employment Institute, Lord Bauer states that Lord Wilson, Mr Heath and Mr Callaghan "unleashed the forces behind the greatest peace-time inflation in British history".

Lord Bauer would not seem to have noticed that the rise in prices and pay rates began to accelerate in 1969-71 not merely in the UK, but in the US, Japan, Germany, France and most of the Western world. Does he think that the Wilson-Heath-Callaghan triumvirate somehow engineered this movement in the US, Japan, Germany and elsewhere?

From the end of 1973 onwards the main force pushing up world prices was the Opec oil cartel. In the years 1972 to 1974 the average annual rise in consumer prices was 8.6 per cent in the US, 11.7 per cent in the UK and 16.9 per cent in Japan.

Does Lord Bauer believe that the Opec oil magnates were somehow instigated in this exercise by Wilson, Heath and Callaghan? If so, the whole operation has been kept remarkably secret up till now.

Lord Bauer also seems unaware that the price-inflation in the 1970s and 1980s was cost-led and not demand-led. One of the few direct aggravations of it by a British Government was the rise in VAT from 8 per cent to 15 per cent in 1979.

It would have been wise if Lord Bauer had acquainted himself with *these facts before making wild* assertions.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS JAY,
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Minster Lovell,
Oxfordshire.
April 23.

From Mr C. S. L. Davies

Sir, Lord Bauer is unfair to the Tudors. Prices rose in the 1540s, the worst decade of the sixteenth century, by about 66 per cent (Phelps Brown index, 1540=158, 1550=262); in the 1970s by some 240 per cent.

Yours faithfully,
C. S. L. DAVIES,
Wadham College,
Oxford.
April 23.

Far East flights

From Mr T. E. Kingston

Sir, May I comment on the letter by Mr Colin Marshall, Chief Executive, British Airways (April 10).

Mr Marshall alleges that there is not enough direct traffic to Singapore and too much carriage by Singapore Airlines (SIA) to other destinations beyond Singapore, to justify additional services on the London-Singapore route.

The facts are otherwise. This on-carriage traffic accounts for 10 per cent of SIA's total traffic, not 50 per cent as Mr Marshall has it. In return, BA enjoys ample beyond – traffic rights between Singapore and Australia, while SIA has none beyond London.

Traffic between Singapore and London is not insignificant. Qantas runs a daily service, which alas for BA, does better than BA's service. Air Canada has just started a thrice-weekly service between London and Singapore. Numerous Asian and European carriers also participate in the rich market between London and Singapore. We do not object to all these non-primary carriers on the route which provide much-needed capacity which is denied to a direct carrier like SIA.

SIA's frequency has stagnated since 1976, while the total traffic has grown by 80.5 per cent, from 173,000 passengers to 312,300 in 1984. Cargo traffic has spurted even faster, by 167 per cent.

Mr Marshall implies that SIA is allowed, under the existing bilateral agreement, to operate not more than the present seven times weekly frequency to the UK. There is, in fact, no limit to the number of flights SIA may offer. The Singapore/UK air services agreement is of the Bermuda type, and there is no pre-determination of services between Singapore and London.

The Manchester International Airport Authority itself estimates that direct services between Manchester and Singapore in the first year will produce 19,000 outbound passengers for Singapore and a further 19,000 going beyond Singapore. Our own estimates bear this out.

Yours etc,
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Germany and VE Day anniversary

From Mr David Astor

Sir, Who should represent Germany at the fortieth anniversary of the end of Hitler's war? Surely, relatives of those Germans who actively opposed Hitler.

These included nearly all who filled the early concentration camps; men and women, mostly Communists and Social Democrats, who had openly struggled to keep the Nazis out. Some of these were an inspiration in the camps to members of the resistance in the occupied countries later sent to join them.

Nearly all those heroic few who tried to overthrow the Nazis between 1938 and 1944 were caught and executed. They came from the trade unions, the churches, the civil services and the Army, without whose power-base there was no hope of deposing Hitler.

Hundreds died in the vengeance that followed the attempt of July 20, 1944. They were all officially vilified in Germany as "opportunists". Shamefully, their treatment by the West was somewhat similar. The prominence of soldiers in the plot was used by the West to discredit the motives of the plotters as opportunistically nationalist.

In fact, their support came from some of the least nationalist and most anti-fascist men in Germany. A leading internationalist Social Democrat, Julius Leber, was arrested just before this attempt when alerting, in the interests of solidarity, the last Communist cell in Berlin.

Although betrayed by an informer, he survived two weeks of torture, without revealing the identity of Stauffenberg. Another supporter was the outstanding theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was at least as critical of Germany as was anyone in Britain.

Bernard Levin has offered the suggestion (March 14) that relatives of the German resistance should be invited to take their places in Westminster Abbey at the commemorative service. If, at this late hour, there should be room for only one of them, it should be a relative of the man who placed the bomb.

A longer-term suggestion is for a scholarship at a British university, named after the date of Stauffenberg's attempt to indicate that we, too, honour July 20 and what it symbolises. Having known Trott and Moltke, who took leading parts in the resistance, I have no doubt we would be honouring men who have long deserved, but rarely received our recognition and respect.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID ASTOR,
9 Cavendish Avenue, NW8.
April 24.

Civil rights for all?

From Lord Gifford, QC, and Mr Stephen Sedley, QC

Sir, Sizing up the issues for the coming AGM of the National Council for Civil Liberties, Colin Hughes (April 19) writes that last year's AGM "effectively censured Gostin (the General Secretary) for advising the National Front and passed a resolution that no advice should be given to any organisation or individual holding racist views" – a category which, as Mr Hughes says, could cover a lot of organisations depending on your point of view.

In fact the last AGM did neither. It passed a resolution defending the staff who, in the absence of any policy guidance, had twice advised the NF; but it resolved that for the future help should not *knowingly* be given to organisations or individuals representing organisations whose *objectives* were opposed to civil liberties in a multi-racial society.

We have stressed the words that show (a) that inquirers are not to be subjected to some political meanstest, and (b) that "racist views" are not the criterion, for the very reasons Mr Hughes advances: the only bar is on organisations whose raison d'être is to use their rights to injure the freedoms to which others in a multi-racial society are equally entitled.

The NF's manifesto, published this month, promises "repatriation" – that is deportation – of black British citizens, in breach of international law and fundamental human rights. It promises to legalise and enforce race discrimination through a "whites first" system in jobs and housing.

It is to be hoped that this year's AGM will recognise that when the right of such people to organise comes into conflict with the right of others to live free from fear, discrimination and harm, a choice has to be made by those whose aim is civil rights for all. For the spider, freedom may be indivisible: for the fly it certainly is not.

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April 20.

Football at Chelsea

From Mr Simon Turner

Sir, In your leader "Keeping off the grass" (April 24) concerning the proposed electrified fence at Chelsea football ground, you describe the Greater London Council as "a local authority determined to prove the government right in its assertion that it has no significant functions." Far from that, the GLC has a statutory duty under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 to ensure that all football grounds in its area are safe for its spectators.

In the case of Chelsea, the GLC has acted under those powers to ensure that the electric fencing does not go ahead without due consideration being given to the proposal. The Council has not refused an application for the electrification of the fencing for the simple reason that Chelsea has not seen fit to ask for the necessary approval.

If the GLC did not take action under the Act and someone was injured as a result, no doubt the GLC would be criticized for "sitting on the fence". If, as a result of receiving a shock from the fence, a spectator fell into the crowd, it might not just be him who received injuries. You call crowd control a practical problem; the GLC itself is being practical on behalf of safety and common sense.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON TURNEY, Chairman,
Public Services and
Fire Brigade Committee,
Greater London Council,
County Hall, SE1.
April 21.

From Mr Rodney Drake

Sir, The electric fences used by farmers to contain cattle (which is presumably what they are planning to erect on the Chelsea ground), though operated by a low voltage battery, produces pulses of several thousand volts. But these are quite harmless because the current (amperes) and the length of pulse (milliseconds) are kept very low, *to accord with a strict British* Standards specification. I use such a device to keep pigeons off my peas and also to dissuade mice from digging up my newly sown broad beans and I have never harmed a pigeon or even a mouse.

The trouble about trying to deter homo sapiens by this means is that the system is childishly easy to short out, and I should imagine it will take the Chelsea fans about five minutes to discover how to do just that.

Yours faithfully,
RODNEY DRAKE,
Far Leys,
Tanworth-in-Arden, Warwickshire.

Wealth from science

From Professor D. Noble, FRS

Sir, Dr Harrap (April 19) clearly does not know that I am already exploiting the commercial value of my research. My publishing work generates up to £100,000 per annum of foreign currency for the UK and must have earned over £1 million over the last decade or so. I am also director of a software company that is selling my group's work in three continents.

Yesterday's man of science?

Yours sincerely,
DENIS NOBLE,
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Future of El Salvador

From Dr David Browning

Sir, I agree with you that it can be reassuring to see expert predictions upset by the free expression of ordinary people through the ballot box ("Duarte and the experts", April 6) and hope that in Britain the implications of the recent elections in El Salvador will be recognised.

It has been my privilege to be present in that country during three of four elections held since 1982. What I have seen and heard in towns and villages throughout the *country convinces me that for* Salvadoreans the novelty of fair elections is a very welcome experience. Certainly there is widespread scepticism, but my own impressions were confirmed by the results of an opinion poll conducted before last month's election in which only 11 per cent of the respondents did not feel that significant beneficial political reform had been achieved in their country in recent years.

Free elections alone do not create a democracy. In El Salvador there remains an urgent need for continued progress towards effective prosecution of terrorist activity, irrespective of the political aims of the perpetrators, by a secure and independent judiciary. Nevertheless, the achievements of the electoral process since 1982 have been considerable: a 1983 Constitution, agreed by an elected but deeply divided assembly, which incorporates provisions for social justice alongside those for political freedom; and a president, with a mandate from the people he serves, now supported by a majority of his party in the new assembly.

The fact that the Salvadorean army has abstained from direct involvement throughout this political process deserves credit; while *the importance of the United States* commitment to encouraging the military's permanent abstention should be recognised. For its part the Government of El Salvador has to persuade the men of violence on both political extremes to accept the reality that the preference of the majority of Salvadoreans is for political change by means of ballots rather than bullets.

Not less important is the imperative need to revive a national economy ravaged by five years of war. Democracy in El Salvador is unlikely to survive unless the present appalling living conditions of large parts of its population are not soon improved. In the opinion poll mentioned previously 94 per cent of the respondents saw unemployment as *the nation's most* urgent problem.

After the sufferings they have endured, and now confronted with the task of rebuilding their lives and communities, Salvadoreans have the right to expect help from those of us who enjoy the political and economic benefits which they are seeking.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BROWNING,
St Cross College, Oxford.

The great divide

From Professor Glyn Daniel

Sir, Mr Eric Faivre D'Arcier's amusing letter (April 18) about our apparent chauvinism in the matter of the *English* Channel – I cannot answer his question though I cross it frequently and have rarely heard it referred to as anything but the "Channel": Channel ports, Channel steamers etc.

Calais has a restaurant, Le Channel. But I am reminded of my shame. 20 years ago in this seafood restaurant, at asking whether *Le sole du Détroit* was done *à l'américaine*. Our waiter was much amused at my ignorance of this common word for La Manche. (Unsurprisingly I have never seen *Sole de Douvres* on a French menu).

Yours faithfully,
GLYN DANIEL,
St John's College, Cambridge

ON THIS DAY

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Charles Haddon Spurgeon was born in 1834. At the age of 20 he began preaching as a Baptist minister in Southwark, London, and within a year his congregation numbered thousands; by the time he was 22 he was the most popular preacher of his day. In 1861 the Metropolitan Tabernacle at Newington Butts, London was opened, and there Spurgeon preached until his death in 1892. More often than not the hall was full to its capacity of 6,000 persons. Spurgeon's benefactions included a number of flourishing institutions - among them a pastors' college and an orphanage. The Tabernacle was almost completely destroyed by fire in 1898 and in 1941 suffered damage in an air raid, but the foundations and facade remain as they were in Spurgeon's time and it continues as a place of Baptist worship.

PRIME MINISTER ON SPURGEON

TRIBUTE TO A GREAT PREACHER

The Prime Minister paid a tribute to the memory of the Rev. Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the famous preacher, when he presided last evening at the Centenary Celebration in the Albert Hall. Nearly 10,000 people were present. The celebration was under the auspices of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland (which is now holding its annual assembly in London) . . .

Spurgeon, said Mr. MACDONALD, . . . was a Calvinist. It was the pageantry of Calvinism which inspired Spurgeon: its realistic facing up to realism, its rejection of sweet consoling beliefs: it was the strong doctrines of Calvinism, not interpreted by a pettifogging and formal logic, but interpreted by experience and life itself by a man, who, in his personality, contained them all. His mind, imagination, thoughts, and preaching dwelt upon the most colourful, dramatic, and moving pageantry of an extraordinary theme, which was shown through the history of mankind and repeated in that of every living man who had come to be troubled and who sought peace. Sin and damnation, repentance and acceptance, justice, love, grace, salvation, death, and life - they were all great moments and great experiences in that extraordinary pageantry that came from eternity and was moving towards eternity in which generation succeeded generation as active, living, sinful, aspiring human beings passed by in that procession of truth, experience, and life which Spurgeon preached and lived.

VOICE WHICH CHARMED

Who was the preacher? A man, so he was told, uncomely and ungainly, a heavy, pained, crippled man, but with a voice which charmed and cast a spell upon whoever heard it. He had and kept the mind of the common people. Folk-songs and folk-lore told what the mind of the common people was at its best.

The mind of the common people was sensitive to beauty, justice, romance, love, and forgiveness: it was imaginative: it thought poetically and dramatically: it loved its parable: it was very tender: it was lyrical and loved nature. It might be heavily overlaid by ignorance and all the rubbish that accumulated upon it on account of neglect, but the rubbish could always be penetrated: but who ever had an instinct of what was the nature of the core. In words and demeanour as in garb it might be rough, but it was honest. Whoever sought to penetrate to its heart must be sincere. Its eye and ear were bent upon experience and high endeavour.

Spurgeon was a testimony to the living, moving, creative power of the *spoken word, provided it came from a* well-stored mind, as his was, and had reality to guide it, as his had, and had as its purpose to quicken the best that was in the mind, which was his purpose.

In these days one regretted the decline of the pulpit: one regretted the decline of the spoken word. The inspired and sincere word - what mountains could it not move? Such was Spurgeon's conception of life, finally and eternally, and such his being that at this time in every corner of the earth men uttered his name in gratitude, wonder, thankfulness, and reverence. He wished that it would lead to a resurrection in their midst of his qualities.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 25: The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee of St George's House, this evening attended a Council meeting and dinner at St George's House, Windsor Castle.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 25: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this morning opened and toured the new Adult Training Centre and afterwards visited the Hostel for Mentally Handicapped at Newton Stewart, Dumfries and Galloway.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Wigtown (Major Henry Brewis) and the Convenor, Dumfries and Galloway Regional Council (Mr J. Jameson).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Corps of Signals, this afternoon visited Nato Forward Scatter Station at Collafirth Hill, Shetlands.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Shetland (Mr Magnus Shearer).

Major-General J. M. W. Badcock (Master of Signals) and Major-General R. Benbow (Signal Officer in Chief) were present.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended by Mrs Richard Carew Pole, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 25: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Girls of the Realm, was present this evening at a Reception held in the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster Abbey, London SW1.

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester, President, International Council on Monuments and Sites, was present this afternoon at their Annual General Meeting at St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill. In the evening His Royal Highness was present at the 90th Birthday Celebration Dinner for Sir Stanley Rous given by The Football Association at the Royal Garden Hotel, London W8.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, was present this evening at a reception at the Forum Hotel, Kensington, London W8.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the World Wildlife Fund International and a vice-president of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, will attend meetings in Gland, Switzerland, and Divonne-les-Bains, France, from May 16 to 21.

The Princess of Wales will attend a gala concert to be given by Dame Kiri Te Kanawa and the English Chamber Orchestra, organized in connection with "Westminster 400" in aid of Westminster Children's Hospital, at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, on May 29.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Royal National Institute for the Deaf, will visit Richardson House at Blackburn, Lancashire, on May 30.

The Duke of Gloucester has become Patron of the Fortress Study Group.

The Duke of Kent will visit Joyce Loebl, Gateshead, in addition to opening the Gateshead Borough Council's new central nurseries and visiting Tyne Tees television studios on May 29.

Princess Alexandra, will visit Coventry City Council's Torrington senior centre for mentally handicapped people at Tile Hill on May 9.

A memorial and thanksgiving service for the life of Philip Norton will be held at St Michael's Church, Chester Square, London, SW1, on Tuesday, May 28, at noon.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. H. Beedle and Miss J. R. Reid

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mrs Jesse Beedle and the late Mr G. H. Beedle, of Romford, Essex, and Jacqueline Rowena, only daughter of Mrs J. B. Cooper, of Marlborough, Wiltshire, and the late Mr D. A. Reid.

Mr J. S. Blackett and Mrs S. A. McCanlis

The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. H. B. Blackett, of Whalton, Morpeth, Northumberland, and Sally, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Christopher Mackintosh.

Mr S. G. Chase and Miss G. A. M. Kabza

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs F. J. A. Chase, of Empingham, Rutland, and Gabi, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. H. Kabza, of Sprimont Place, Chelsea, SW3.

Mr B. Cumby and Miss H. R. Bakewell

The engagement is announced between Brian Cumby, of Great Yarmouth, and Harriet, daughter of Mr Michael Bakewell, of Great Bentley, Essex, and Mrs Joan Bakewell, of Chalcot Square, London, NW1.

Mr C. H. Eaton and Miss A. D. Parry

The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Mrs W. J. Eaton, of Stanstead, Essex, and Alison, daughter of Colonel and Mrs E. S. Parry, of Kingston upon Thames.

Mr C. B. Heckstall-Smith and Miss J. Clifton

The engagement is announced between Charles, youngest son of Mrs E. A. Bryant, of Hittisleigh, Devon, and Judy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bill Clifton, of Rushden, Northamptonshire.

Mr A. V. Juggins and Miss E. A. Stott

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs J. V. Juggins, of Chew Stoke, Avon, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. H. Stott, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr C. R. Lee and Miss T. L. Dunster

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Lee, of Hunworth Green, Norfolk, and Tracy, younger daughter of Mr Geoffrey Dunster, of Guernsey, Channel Islands, and Mrs Bobbin Baxter, of Godalming, Surrey.

Mr A. S. R. Payne and S. L. H. James

The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs P. R. Payne, of East Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, and Sallie, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs E. A. James, of Montreux, Switzerland.

Dr M. J. Porter and Miss S. L. S. Dearle

The engagement is announced between Martin, elder son of Mr and Mrs M. F. Porter, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr D. E. S. Dearle, of Richmond, Surrey, and Mrs A. C. Dearle, of Child Okeford, Dorset.

Mr T. T. Robson and Miss A. C. de P. Gower

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr T. W. Robson MRCVS, and Mrs Robson, of Compton Beauchamp, Wiltshire, and Anne, daughter of His Honour Judge John Gower, QC, and Mrs Gower, of Withyham, Sussex.

Mr R. J. Smith and Miss K. E. McHugh

The engagement is announced between Rowland, son of the late Mr R. W. Smith, OBE, and Mrs M. A. Smith, of Bungay, Suffolk, and Kathleen, stepdaughter of Mr F. T. Carrie and daughter of Mrs K. M. Carrie, of Hales, Norfolk.

Mr A. J. Stafford and Miss G. C. Humphrey

The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Stafford, of Atherstone, Warwickshire, and Gillian, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Humphrey, of Tring, Hertfordshire.

Mr C. D. Thorne and Miss A. M. C. Healy

The engagement is announced from Hong Kong between Clive Duncan, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. C. Thorne, of Eastbourne, Sussex, and Alison Mary Cleary, daughter of Commander M. R. Healy, R.N. (retd), of Beaulieu-sur-Mer, France, and of Mrs M. Healy, of Fareham, Hampshire.

Mr R. D. A. Wedderburn and Miss H. E. Ifor-Jones

The engagement is announced between Robin Wedderburn, of 9 Priory Gardens, London, SW13, elder son of the late Major D. M. A. Wedderburn and of Mrs H. W. Freeman-Attwood, and Hazel, daughter of the late Rev J. H. Ifor-Jones and of Mrs Ifor-Jones, of Uppingham, Leicestershire.

Mr C. M. Weisfeld and Miss M. E. Rayner

The engagement is announced between Clifford, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Weisfeld, of London, W1, and Marianne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Rayner, of Totteridge, London.

Marriages

Mr A. J. Trotman and Miss P. J. Sowter

The marriage took place yesterday in London of Mr John Trotman, son of the late Arthur Trotman, Kt, and the late Lady Trotman, to Miss Pamela Sowter, daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs W. L. Sowter, of Leeds.

Mr H. H. Maxwell and Miss M. C. O'Driscoll

The marriage took place on April 20 at The Little Oratory, Brompton Road, of Mr Herbert Maxwell, son of Mr and Mrs John Maxwell, of Drumatherty, Murthly, Perthshire, and Miss Maragret O'Driscoll, daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick O'Driscoll, of Muinebheag, co Carlow.

Mr D. Miller and Miss J. Elrington

The marriage took place in London recently between Mr Dominic Miller, son of Mr and Mrs M. B. Miller, and Miss Judy Elrington, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. R. Elrington.

Mr S. Phillips and Miss K. O'Ballance

The marriage took place at St Mary's Church, Crich, Derbyshire, on April 20, 1985, between Mr Stacey Phillips, son of Mr and Mrs R. Phillips, of Mexborough, South Yorkshire, and Miss Katharine O'Ballance, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Edgar O'Ballance, of Wakebridge, Derbyshire.

Mr G. G. O. Russell and Mrs H. M. Pattenden

The marriage took place at Hastings, Sussex, on Saturday, April 20 between Mr Geoffrey Russell, of Weybridge, and Mrs Helen Pattenden (née Tilstone), of St Leonards-on-Sea.

St Mark's Hospital

A service was held yesterday, St Mark's day, at the Church of St Mark, Clerkenwell, to celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of St Mark's Hospital, City Road.

The Rev Hugh Williams officiated, assisted by the Rev Neville Ashton, Free Church Chaplain, the Rev George Haines, Roman Catholic Chaplain, and the Rev Robert Arnold, Hospitaller to St Bartholomew's Hospital. The lessons were read by Mr John Jarvis and Miss Anne Driscoll and the Bishop of London gave an address.

The Archdeacon of Hackney, the Area Dean of Islington, the Chaplain of Hackney Hospital, the General-Secretary of St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy, the Rev Jim Roberts, the Rev Michael Shier and the Rev Peter Laister were robed. The choir of Christ Church, Chelmsford, directed by Mr Keith Kent, organist and choirmaster, also took part. Among those present were:

The Mayor of Islington; Mr Evan Stone, QC, Chairman of the City and Hackney Health Authority; Dr Basil C Morson, Chairman of the Medical Executive Committee of St Mark's Hospital; and other members of the staff and friends of the hospital.

Birthdays today

Sir Richard Cave, 73; Sir John Clayden, 81; Mr David Coleman, 59; Sir Gordon Downey, 57; Mr J. C. B. Gosling, 55; Professor J. C. Holt, 63; Major-General Harry Knutton, 64; Sir Oliver Millar, 62; Professor Wilfrid Mellers, 71; Mr Peter Schaufuss, 36; Professor J. E. Morpurgo, 67; Miss Kathleen Dee-Anne Stark, 29; Professor J. R. Sutherland, 85; Major-General Sir Leslie Tyler, 81; Mr Morris West, 69; Air Vice-Marshal Sir Geoffrey Worthington, 82.

Memorial service

Marion Lady Bennett

A memorial service for Marion Lady Bennett was held yesterday at Christ Church, Chelsea. Prebendary F. A. Piachaud officiated. Among those present were:

Sir Ronald Bennett (son), Mr and Mrs Conrad Voss-Bark (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs Anne-Marie Rickman, Miss Georgina Bennett, Mr Brian Bennett, Flight-Lieutenant Adam Fox-Edwards and Miss Jane Fox-Edwards (grandchildren), Mrs S Ollpin, Mr Graham Somervell, Miss Henrietta Somervell, Anne Lady Bennett.

Dame Unity Lister, Princess Elizabeth of Toro, Mr Alistair Duncan and Mrs Duncan (representing Arab Women's Council), Miss G Wallis (Southern Regional Association for the Blind), Mrs Gerald Ely, Brigadier J G Cummings, Miss A Cummings, Mr Adrian FitzGerald, Mrs L Owen, Mrs F A Piachaud, Mr Anthony Post, Mr Harold Soref, Mrs A Phillips, Mrs H Williams, Mr James Kelly, Mrs G W Whitall, Mr H L Leedham-Green, Mr G Raccanello, Mr Patrick Olliff, Miss Janet Grant, Mr Anatolius Kuseris, Mr Valentine Butt, Mr Richard Mudge, Mr Peter Kalama, Mr and Mrs E Johnston, Mr Paul Eaton, Mr Richard Skepper.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Justin Staples, Ambassador at Bangkok, to be additionally Ambassador (non-resident) to Laos, in succession to Mr W. B. J. Dobbs, who resided at Vientiane.

Mr Nicholas Bayne to be United Kingdom Permanent Representative to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris, in succession to Mr. K. J. Uffen, CMG.

Mr George Henry Wright to be a member of the Employment Appeal Tribunal from May 1.

Latest wills

Lord Beeching, of East Grindstead, West Sussex, former chairman of British Railways Board, left estate valued at £838,580 net.

He left his property variously to his wife and other relatives.

Reception

Lord Bethell, MEP

Viscount Whitelaw, CH, was the guest of honour at a reception given yesterday by Lord Bethell, MEP, at the House of Lords for members of the London North-West euroconstituency.



Princess Yasmin Aga Khan, daughter of the late Prince Aly Khan and Miss Rita Hayworth, the actress, is to marry Mr Basil Embiricos, an Old Etonian and member of the Greek shipping family, this summer. The engagement was announced yesterday by the Aga Khan.

Sale room

£1m paid for blue diamond pendant

By Huon Mallalieu

On Wednesday in New York, Christie's followed Sotheby's with a similarly successful sale of jewels, producing $8,791,960, or £6,977,746, with 15 per cent bought in.

Once again fancy coloured diamonds were much in demand, and Graff, a London dealer who has been robbed three times recently, paid $1,375,000, or £1,091,271, for a lovely pear-shaped blue diamond of 16.47 carats, mounted with a yellow diamond in platinum as a pendant.

A notable and well-known diamond necklace from the collection of Miss Zsa Zsa Gabor went to a private buyer at $462,000, or £366,666 (estimate $350,000 to $400,000).

It is unforgivable of Christie's cataloguer to have revealed the secret of a Cartier Mystery clock, in which the hands appear to be set in a solid block of rock crystal with no mechanical means of support. Such a person would doubtless refuse to clap for Tinkerbell.

I will merely say that this Art Deco clock, mounted on a carved agate chimera, and similar in taste to Fabergé's figures, was the first of its kind, and was bought back by the makers, Cartier of New York, for $331,264, or £209,524 (estimate $80,000 to $100,000).

At Sotheby's in London yesterday, a clock of a more traditional kind also did well. This was a sturdy and honest ebony veneered bracket clock with a month dial by Jonathan Puller, of London.

Puller was born in 1662 and worked near Fleet Street. He is presumed to have died comparatively young in about 1707. The rarity of his work may partly explain the price of £16,500 paid by de Haviland of London against an estimate of from £8,000 to £12,000.

A small ebony veneered quarter-repeating bracket clock by the slightly earlier and better known Joseph Knibb went to a private bidder at £14,300 (estimate £10,000 to £12,000).

St Edmund's School Canterbury

Summer Term begins today. Simon Beckett (Baker) is captain of cricket. The Archbishop of Canterbury will conduct Choir House confirmation in the cathedral on May 18. Major-General J. I. H. Owen will inspect the CCF on May 21. The old boys' weekend will be June 8 and 9, with the Rev Harry Edwards ('63-'67) as preacher at commemoration. The Right Rev Lord Coggan will be the celebrant and preacher at Holy Communion on June 23. There will be a concert on May 22 and an outdoor wind band concert on July 12. Speech day will be on July 13, after which term ends.

Queen Ethelburga's School, Harrogate

Queen Ethelburga's School, Harrogate, opened for the Summer Term yesterday. Speech day will take place on Saturday, May 25 when the speaker will be Dame Gillian Brown. OE day is Saturday, May 11. Term ends on Saturday, July 13.

St David's College, Llandudno

Term began on April 22 and ends on July 12. John Ellis-Cockell remains head boy. Half term will be from May 24 - 28. Open day takes place on Saturday, June 29, when the guest speaker will be Mr D. Q. Drayson.

Plymouth College

Summer Term began yesterday at Plymouth College, S. J. Woodward remains head of school. The inspection of the CCF takes place on Thursday, May 23. The inspecting officer is Major-General B. M. Lane. The term ends on Thursday, July 18.

Berkhamsted School

Term began on Wednesday, April 24. W. M. Rawding continues as head of school. P. A. Brown is captain of cricket and T. McCarthy captain of athletics. The general inspection of the CCF by Brigadier R. S. Higson is on May 22. *The Clouds* will be performed on May 31. The junior school prizegiving is on May 25, as is sports day. The preparation school's orchestral day is on June 20. The preparation prizegiving is on July 6, the guests of honour will be Sir Christopher and Lady Lawson. Founder's day is on July 12: the preacher will be Canon John Fenton, of Christ Church, and guests of honour will be Sir Alan and Lady Rothnie. Term ends on July 12 and the cricket festival begins on July 13.

Church news

Canon A Clendining, Chaplain to the Queen and Rector, St Margaret's, Lowestoft, diocese of Norwich: to be Vicar Ranworth with Panxworth with, Woodbastwick, diocese of Norwich, and Bishop's Chaplain for the Broads and senior chaplain for holidaymakers, same diocese.

The Rev M E C Joyce, team vicar, parish of the Ascension, Cambridge, diocese of Ely: to be Vicar, St Mary the Virgin, St Angels, Blackpool, diocese of Blackburn.

The Rev J Morrison, Vicar, St Mary's, Aylesbury, diocese of Oxford, to be also Rural Dean of Aylesbury, same diocese.

Prebendary J F D Pearce, Vicar, St Barnabas with St Paul Homerton, diocese of London, to be priest-in-charge, St Simon Zelotes, Chelsea, same diocese.

The Rev E T Pettengell, priest-in-charge, Shilton, Members with Westonbirt and Lasborough, and Chaplain to Westonbirt School, diocese of Gloucester, to be priest-in-charge, Berkeley with Wick, Breadstone and Newport, same diocese.

The Rev I Phelps, youth officer, diocese of Leicester, to be adult education officer, same diocese, and religious broadcasting adviser to Leicester Sound.

The Rev J D Reese, with the CMS in Malaysia, to be Vicar/Rector, St John The Baptist, Bishop's Castle, with St John the Baptist, Mainstone, diocese of Hereford.

The Rev D J Senior, curate, St Dionysius, Market Harborough, diocese of Leicester, to be Vicar within the Market Ieam ministry, with special responsibility for St Giles, diocese of York.

The Rev T Short, Vicar, St John the Baptist, Carlton, Nottingham, diocese of Southwell, to be Rector, Elwall and Egmiston, diocese of Derby.

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon held on Wednesday at 10 Downing Street in honour of the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea and Mrs Somare.

HM Government
Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens at a luncheon given in honour of the President of the Seychelles.

British Council
Sir John Burgh, Director-General of the British Council, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Spring Gardens in honour of the Minister of Culture and Tourism of Algeria.

"Doctor of the Year"
Princess Michael of Kent was the guest of honour and presented the awards at the "Doctor of the Year" luncheon at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. The Chairman of the BUPA Medical Foundation, Mr Stanley Glynn, presided and the citations were read by Miss Moira Stuart. The principal speaker was Lord Winstanley.

Dinners

Lincoln's Inn
Mr Justice Warner, Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, entertained at dinner in the Great Hall last night, it being Grand Day.

Glaziers' Company
The Master of the Glaziers' Company, Colonel M. H. Seys-Phillips, assisted by the Wardens, Sir William Carter, and Mr J. Stone, presided at a court dinner held last night at Glaziers Hall.

Turners' Company
The annual ladies' dinner of the Turners' Company was held last night in Apothecaries' Hall. The Master, Mr John Borrett, received the guests and Mr Michael Dineen and the Rev Alan Fagg also spoke.

Surrey Lieutenancy
The Lord Lieutenant, the Vice-Lord Lieutenant and Deputy Lieutenants of Surrey dined together at the County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, last night. Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, Lord Lieutenant, presided.

Institution of Civil Engineers
Mr J. A. Derrington, President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Hilton hotel. Mr D. J. Miller, Mr Donald Reeve and Lord Ezra also spoke.

Careers Research and Advisory Centre
Sir Keith Joseph, MP, was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner held at Merchant Taylors' Hall last night to mark the twenty-first anniversary of the foundation of the Careers Research and Advisory Centre. The guests included the co-founders, Mr Adrian Bridgewater and Mr Tony Watts. Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, Chairman of the University Grants Committee, replied to the toast to the guests. The other guests included:

Mr P Linklater (chairman, CRAC), Mr David Blandford (director, CRAC), Mr A J Abbott, Mr Scott Anderson, Mr Robert Baker, Dr Eric Bates, Mr Anthony Bexley, Mrs Caroline Bicknell, Mr Nick Brayshaw, Mr John Brodie, Mr James Broomfield, Dr John Brown, Mr Hugh Burkhardt, Sir Anthony Burney, Mr Charles Bytheway, Dr J A Catterall, Mr Rovin Chambers, Sir Geoffrey Chandler, Mr M C Clarke, Mr Angus Clarke, Miss Julia Cleverdon, Mr Mike Cleverly, Mr Barry Curnow, Mr Tim Curry, Mr Roger Dalzell, Mr Jack Davies, Mr Malcolm Douglas, Mr Rodney Eyton, Mr Alastair Firbrace, Mr Donald Fisher, Mr Keith Foreman, Mr John Garnet, Mr Allan Gibb, Mr L P Grice, Mr R J Hartles, Sir Brian Hayes, Mr John Houghton, Mr David Hutton, Mr Raymond Hurley, Dr John Illston, Mr Alan Jamieson, Mrs Ann Jones, Mr Bill Kirkman, Mr Mike Leonard, Sir Norman Lindop, Mr Callum McCarthy, Mr Bruce McGowan, Dr Frank McKim, Mr Martin McLellan, Mr Chris Marsden, Mr R J Marshall, Mr Richard Martineau, Mr Tony Marx, Dr Kenneth Miller, Mr John Moss, Mr Geoffrey Morris, Mr Graham Mungeam, Mr D Naismith, Mr Gerrard Neale, Mr John Neville, Mr David Norman, Mr Roger Ockey, Mr Len Peach, Mr Jack Perfers, Dr Richard Perham, Professor David Phillip, Mr Bob Porter, Mr Tim Potter, Dr Geoffrey Potter, Mr Norman Price, Mr Christopher Price, Mr Matthew Prichard, Mr Clive Purdue, Mr Jeff Reynolds, Mr Brian Richardson, Mr Perry Rogers, Mr John Sacher, Mr Peter Scott, Mr Michael Smith, Mr Anthony Snow, Mr John Speers, Professor John Tomlinson, Mr Mike Tomlinson, Mr Noel Urwin, Mr A E Vicars-Miles, Mr Tony Vinesll, Mr C R Walker, Mr John Walker, Mr Peter Walker, Mr Neal Whalley, Mr Johan Whitehorn, Mr Simon Wilkinson, Mr John Woolhouse and Baroness Platt of Writtle.

Arab-British Chamber of Commerce
The Arab-British Chamber of Commerce gave a dinner at the Portman Intercontinental Hotel yesterday after its annual meeting. The guests were received by Sir Richard Beaumont, chairman, and Mr Abdul Karim Al-Mudaris, secretary-general and chief executive of the chamber. Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Commons, was the guest of honour and principal speaker. Among the guests were ambassadors of Arab countries, officials of HM Government, Members of Parliament and directors of the chamber.

British Insurance Brokers' Association (BIBA)
The Lord Mayor, Sir Alan Traill, Lord Aldington, Sir Kenneth Newman, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, and Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, were the guests of honour at the annual conference of the British Insurance Brokers' Association, held last night at the Guildhall. Mr A. V. Alexander, chairman of the association, was the host. The guests included: Mrs A V Alexander, Lady Aldington, Lady Newman, Mrs Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Mr and Mrs R K Bishopp, Mr Gordon and Lady Borrie, Mr and Mrs John Carlisle, Mr and Mrs W J Clarke, Mr and Mrs Brian Corby, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr and Mrs Douglas Dawkins, Mr and Mrs Bernard Dey, Mr and Mrs Brian Denney, Sir Edward du Cann, MP, and Lady du Cann, Mr and Mrs Noel Evans, Mr and Mrs Clive Fenn-Smith, Mr and Mrs H F Find ay, Mr Michael Forsyth, MP, Mr J E Fryer, Mr and Mrs J C T Hackett, Miss Angela Graham, Mr and Mrs R C Hodgson, Mr and Mrs W N M Lawrence, Mr and Mrs W M Morrison, Mr and Mrs T Muir, Mr and Mrs J A G Neave, Sir John and Lady Page, Mr and Mrs David Palmer, Mr and Mrs Francis Perkins, Sir Anthony and Lady Raybinson, Mr and Mrs John Regan, Mr Alderman and Sheriff David Rowe-Ham, Mr and Mrs J D Rowland, Mr and Mrs E B D Sherlock, Colonel Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs Greville Spratt and Mr Henry White-Smith.

OBITUARY

DR GERTRUDE CATON-THOMPSON
Archaeologist of prehistoric Africa

Dr Gertrude Caton-Thompson, FBA, who died at her home in Worcestershire on April 18 at the age of 97, was an outstanding archaeologist who made a great contribution to the knowledge of African prehistory.

Daughter of a wealthy stockbroker, privately educated, she belonged to the generation of indomitable, indefatigable and committed travellers to the past of the ancient world of the Near East and Africa. A civil servant during the First World War, she became an archaeologist after it was over.

She began serious study of archaeology under Sir Flinders Petrie at University College London in 1921. She first excavated with him in Egypt at Abydos, but it was in 1924 at Qau with Petrie and Guy Brunton that she found the site of a Predynastic village at North Spur, Hemmamiya, which she excavated alone with consummate skill and later published in *The Badarian Civilization* (1928, with G. Brenton). The site still provides the best evidence for the sequence of the prehistoric cultures of Upper Egypt.

She then started with a geologist, Miss E. W. Gardner, a pioneer project of survey and excavation on the Saharan margins of the Fayum Lake province, revealing two unknown neolithic cultures (Fayum A and B), which have since become highly significant for North African prehistory through their links with the Khartoum Neolithic, published in the two splendid volumes of *The Desert Fayum*.

An original feature of this work lay in the detailed, if not entirely successful, attempt to link the geological history of the lake with archaeological stratigraphy.

In 1929 she was invited to the British Association to re-investigate the famous monumental ruins of Zimbabwe in East Africa. Intrepid as ever, she undertook the daunting and unfamiliar assignment; and by very methodical stratigraphic excavation of carefully selected sites, finally proved, at least to the unprejudiced, that the Zimbabwe monuments were indeed the product of an indigenous African culture of the mediaeval period, and that allegations of their great antiquity and oriental origin were unfounded (*The Zimbabwe Culture*, 1931).

Meanwhile her Saharan travels had already interested her in Kharga Oasis, and in 1930-32 with Miss Gardner she undertook the first scientific excavation of Saharan oasis sites, revealing microlithic and other cultures which later proved to have important relations across North Africa (*Kharga Oasis in Prehistory*, 1952).

Her final great archaeological adventure in 1937-38 took her with Miss Freya Stark and Miss Gardner into the wilds of the Hadhramaut, southern Arabia, where she undertook the first scientific excavations ever, revealing the Moon-temple, shrines and tombs of Hureidha of the 5th – 4th centuries BC (*The Tombs and Moon Temple of Hureidha, Hadhramaut*, 1944).

The Second World War ended Gertrude Caton-Thompson's active career as an excavator, but she continued to travel widely visiting excavations, and to attend conferences on African Prehistory, where she interested herself in everything from Leakey's Olduvai discoveries to relatively recent Bantu sites. Her enthusiasm played a major part in promoting the foundation of the British Institute of the History and Archaeology of East Africa, closely for the rest of her life.

Gertrude Caton-Thomson's personality was quiet, retiring and private; but in her pioneering field-work she was intrepid and absolutely indomitable, while her acute, methodical and incisive brain, which remained clear to the end, solved problems which others had not even formulated.

She never held a professional post in a museum or university, though it was credibly reported that she was offered, and declined, the Disney Chair of Archaeology in Cambridge in 1937. The University of Cambridge made her an Honorary Doctor, Newnham College an Honorary Fellow, and University College, London a Fellow. She became a Fellow of the British Academy in 1944.

She published her autobiography *Mixed Memoirs*, in 1983.

LORD SHERBORNE

Lord Sherborne, FSA, who for the greater part of his life was known as Ralph Dutton, the writer on English houses, interiors and kindred subjects, died on April 20 aged 86. He succeeded a cousin as the 8th Lord Sherborne in 1982.

He was born at Hinton Ampner House, Hampshire, on August 25, 1898, the son of Henry Dutton and Blanche Cave. From his father he inherited considerable estates in the county, and from his mother his love of literature and artistic taste. He was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford.

In 1935 he published *The English Country House*, the first of a dozen books which are as informative as they are witty and readable, and show his great knowledge of architecture interior decoration, gardens and social history.

He loved France and with Lord Holden wrote *The Land of France*, (1939) and on his own *Normandy and Brittany*, (1953) and the *Chateaux of France* (1957).

He was a Trustee of the Wallace Collection, 1948-69 and a member of the Executive Committee of the National Art Collections' Fund, 1952-70; of committees of the National Trust, 1955-73; and of the Historic Buildings Council, 1963-72.

He was High Sheriff of Hampshire in 1944.

On the death of his father in 1935, he set about demolishing the hideous Victorian Tudor shell with which his grandfather had encased Hinton Ampner and restored it to its Georgian form, filling it with fine pictures, furniture, and fittings acquired from notable 18th century houses that had been pulled down.

In April, 1960 disaster struck when the main part of the house was almost completely gutted by fire, and many of the contents were destroyed. With indomitable courage he immediately began rebuilding it and forming a new collection of pictures and furniture, so that the interior became even more beautiful than before.

The history of the house and gardens is described in *A Hampshire Manor* (1968).

Towards the end of his life Ralph Dutton became increasingly blind, an affliction he bore with fortitude. He left Hinton Ampner and its contents with 1650 acres of park and agricultural land to the National Trust.

MR HUGH BROCK

Dr April Carter writes:

Hugh Brock, who played a leading role in the direct action wing of the nuclear disarmament movement in the 1950s and early 1960s, died on April 21 aged 70.

He coordinated an attempt to enter the nuclear testing area of Britain's first H Bomb test in 1957, and initiated the 1958 Aldermaston March, which in later years was taken up by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

Hugh Brock chaired the Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War, set up in 1958, which held civil disobedience protests at the US Thor missile bases being built in East Anglia and the East Midlands in 1958-59, and sent a protest team into the Sahara to protest against the first French atomic tests in 1960.

He spent two months in Brixton prison in 1959-60 for refusing to be bound over to keep the peace and abandon a planned missile base demonstration.

Brock worked for the pacifist weekly *Peace News* from 1946, after being a conscientious objector during the war, and was editor of the paper from 1955 to 1964.

After he left *Peace News* he returned to his original trade as a printer, but remained involved in opposition to war and injustice. He helped to plan the War Resisters' International protest in four Warsaw Pact capitals in September 1968 against the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia, and to set up the Alternative Defence Commission in 1980 with a brief to explore alternatives to reliance on nuclear weapons.

He was a member of the Society of Friends.

THE VEN RICHARD RUDGARD

The Ven Richard Rudgard, OBE, TD, who died on April 20 at the age of 83, was Archdeacon of Basingstoke and Canon of Winchester from 1958 to 1971.

During the Second World War he had been a Chaplain to the Forces (TA) and had served with the 1st Armoured Division in North Africa, going thereafter as Deputy Assistant Chaplain General to 13 Corps in Sicily and Italy. From 1944 to 1946 he was Personal Chaplain to the Chaplain General.

He was mentioned three times in despatches and was created OBE in 1944.

After the war he continued as DACG (TA) Southern Command, until 1956. He was also Hon Chaplain to the Queen, 1954-56.

From 1960 to 1974 he was Rector of Ellisfield and Farleigh Wallop and was Rector of Dumme 1968 to 1974.

His death occurred a week after he had sustained injuries, broken ribs and a cut head, in a road accident.

Mr Geoffrey Maberley Hancock, CBE, who died on March 25 at the age of 83, was adviser to the Ruler of Qatar 1952-60 and before that had been governor of Kassala province in Sudan 1946-50.

Doris Lady Jephcott, widow of Sir Harry Jephcott, first baronet, chairman of the Glaxo Group 1945-63, died on April 15. She was the daughter of Henry Gregory, and she was married in 1919. Her husband died in 1978.

Science report

Satellites used to test effects of relativity

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The latest experiment on the effects of relativity has been conducted by scientists using the satellite network kown as the Global Positioning System.

The United States Department of Defense has just completed work circling the Earth to improve the accuracy of its intercontinental ballistic missiles and submarine-launched ballistic missiles.

However, the research is yet another phase in the refinement whichcontinues to be made in the application of Einstein's theories about space-time. The particular phenomenon being explored is known as the Sagnac Effect.

It was verified experimentally in 1971 when two scientists, J C Hafele and R. E. Keating, carried portable atomic clocks around the world. One journeyed east and the other west. The purpose was to compare the clocks they carried, and to compare those clocks with others remaining at the starting point.

The object was to see if a special relativity effect attributable to the Earth's motion, the Sagnac Effect, could be measured.

That experiment found that a master clock at rest on the earth at the starting point differed by 207.4 nanoseconds from one transported eastward. The clock that had been carried westward led the master clock by 207.4 nanoseconds.

In the new experiment with satellites, which have atomic clocks on board, the Global Positioning System transmits signals that can be viewed simultaneously from remote stations on the Earth; and thus an around-the-world Sagnac experiment has been performed.

The signals transmitted form the satellites, under control of the atomic clocks, normally provide a precise navigation system. It enables any point on the Earth to be fixed with an accuracy of 10 metres, and it enables the measurement of velocity for instance of intercontinental missiles with an accuracy of 0.03 metres a second.

For the scientists making the relativity study, the importance lies in the fact that the satellites' atomic clocks, and therefore the electromagnetic signals they transmit, are synchronized to a common system time.

In a rotating system of reference, such as the rotating earth, the principle that the speed of light is constant leads to the prediction that light (or in this case, the electromagnetic signals) travelling a closed path will take a different time to complete the circuit, depending on whether the direction of propagation is in the general direction of, or opposite to, the rotation.

That effect is the basis for the ring-laser gyroscope, which has been developed for new defence purposes.

In the experiment, signals were taken from 4 of the 24 satellites which make up the network. They were received at three pairs of Earth-timing centre points over a month, at the National Bureau of Standards, in Colorado, and at similar centres in Germany and Japan.

The size of the Sagnac Effect calculated in those tests were larger than that occurring when portable clocks were used. The time varied between 240 nanoseconds and 350 nanoseconds, depending on the location of the satellites.

The experiment was done by Dr D. W. Allan and Dr M. A. Weiss, of the National Bureau of Standards, and Dr N. Ashby, of the University of Colorado.

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Gamble on the future of the Telegraph

The *Daily Telegraph*, and, since its birth in 1961, the *Sunday Telegraph* have been close to the heart of the Conservative Party and close to the head of the City. When journalists stopped the *Daily Telegraph* for the first time, the concern of the future of its soul, as well as its financial viability as a privately owned, family company with few assets other than its newspapers, was so deep that the idea of a consortium of the great, the good and the well-heeled, to take it over was seriously discussed.

The Telegraph's considerable journalistic virtues have kept it to the fore in Fleet Street, and the *Daily Telegraph* remains the newspaper other newspaper publishers would buy, if they were given the chance. Its independence has always been prized and fiercely protected by Lord Hartwell, chairman and editor-in-chief of both newspapers, but in the crazy world of newspaper economics, even he has had finally to give way a little in order to try to secure the papers' future.

The Telegraph has recognized that it needs to replace its ancient and tired plant with what is usually referred to in Fleet Street as "new technology". The cost of new facilities in the Isle of Dogs and at Trafford Park, Manchester, is put at £104 million – an investment way beyond the company's own capacity. In addition, the company expects to spend another £38 million in cutting the customarily inflated number of employees to "more appropriate levels and in the rationalization of employee payment practices".

The Telegraph has, therefore, had to turn to the City where the merchant bankers, N. M. Rothschild, and Cazenove, the brokers, are arranging a private placing of 21,500,000 preferred ordinary shares at 140p a share, and loan and leasing finance will be provided. The new shares represent 40.2 per cent of the enlarged equity. They put a total value on the company of £75 million. Net assets are a mere £20 million but it is worth emphasizing that nothing has been added for the value of the Telegraph's newspaper titles, nor is account taken of the value of the new plant and equipment of the Telegraph of the future.

Those who take up the new shares have an unmarketable stock for at least five years but the price they are being asked to pay is pretty cheap. The Telegraph profit on ordinary activities before taxation in the year to March 31, the company made a loss put at £900,000. However, after taxation and extraordinary items (the sale and leaseback of the Fleet Street building and the sale of part of its holding of Reuters B ordinary shares), there is a profit of £8.4 million.

In a rational industry the Telegraph could look forward to £20 million pretax in 1989-90. If reason did prevail buyers of the new shares would have found gold. The word however is "if."

Wisely the Telegraph is also strengthening its board with new outside directors. They include Lord Rawlinson, a former Attorney General, and David Montagu, deputy chairman of J. Rothschild Holdings. The reshaping of the latter company which has now emerged as a dynamic centre of entrepreneurial financial activity, has enabled David Montague to shed the formal title of group chief executive, which is hardly relevant to the J. Rothschild operation in its new form. He is still, of course, a director, in close partnership with Jacob Rothschild.

BAe on course for 380p

The City's investment community appears to have been well pleased with its day of plane-spotting in the countryside, to judge by yesterday's movement in the British Aerospace share price. The shares were marked up by another 5p to 413p as fund managers returned from the company's private flying display in Sussex on Wednesday with apparently good vibes about next week's Government share sale.

The share price has held up surprisingly well since the issue was first officially trailed by Norman Tebbit, the Trade and Industry Secretary, in January. Then they were 368p, and the shares have been as high as 430p in the last few weeks as the pre-sale publicity campaign has intensified.

It is hard not to suspect that there has been more than a little news management in the run of new order announcements and so on in the last few weeks, but there is no doubt that the latest Chinese order for 10 of BAe's 146 "whispering jets" is a boost for the company's prospects. It is the civil aviation side of British Aerospace which has always caused the jitters in the City community, and the orders, the second largest 146 contract BAe has won so far, is further concrete evidence of the upturn in the world civil aviation market which is expected in the second half of the 1980s.

The danger from BAe's point of view is not that the orders will not materialize, but that it is tempted to commit itself too soon to filling its order books with fixed price contracts that yield worse returns than it might be able to pick up in two or three years' time.

The chief immediate interest now lies in the price of the issue. The fact that the issue is a joint effort combining the sale of the Government's remaining 48 per cent holding with the company's own £200 million or so fund-raising exercise, has been one of the main obstacles to be overcome by the issuing houses, Kleinwort Benson and Lazard.

The extensive pre-publicity and the dummy prospectus process appears to have overcome most of the expected teething problems. The Government is naturally keener to get the best price from the issue, while the company's chairman, Sir Austin Pearce, talks more modestly about "optimising" rather than "maximizing" the proceeds. (Clearly he has no desire to see his relations with the City complicated by the aftermath of an overly keenly priced rights issue).

The banks in the issue appear to be confident that they can get away with an issue price that is some 5 to 8 per cent below the prevailing market price. At yesterday's price that would imply an issue price in the 380p range, which would raise around £375 million for the Government and £190 million for the company.

Allied Dunbar buys a future

Allied Dunbar, alias Hambro Life, is putting the finishing touches to an incentive scheme which aims to produce more business for the company, and ensure that this new business does not walk out of the door when a disaffected "associate" decides to leave the company.

Allied's salesmen are all self-employed and there is a tendency for the more successful ones to move off after a few years to set up a full blown insurance brokerage, selling policies from the whole range on offer and inevitably taking many of their customers with them.

Under its new scheme Allied will offer to buy out associates who reach a predetermined level of sales, for a figure based on a multiple of renewal commissions. Associates who opt for this offer will have the opportunity of remaining with the business on a consultancy basis or taking their cash and going but with the proviso that they do not set up in the financial services industry for a number of years after leaving.

Final details are yet to be decided, but it looks as though associates who sell policies on which the commission earned reaches a total of £340,000 will be eligible for the buyout. A top notch salesman could conceivably earn this within three to four years.

Having reached this figure, the average renewal commission would be somewhere between £40,000 to £60,000 a year and the buyout price will be somewhere around three times the annual renewal commission. The figure of £340,000 commission earned will be adjusted each year to take account of inflation, but is expected to provide a strong motivation for many of the sales force, particularly those with £200,000 to £300,000 commission already under their belt.

But more important, the cash pay off will ensure that Allied policyholders are only sold other Allied products and are not seduced away by the enticement of investments elsewhere.

Businesses bought out by Allied will be run by Allied sales staff and the client list will be preserved intact because of the clause preventing the sales associate from simply cashing in his chips and starting up again straight away as a broker. All of which is jolly good for Allied Dunbar – but not such good news for customers who might get a better deal elsewhere.

ICI shares slide after profits of £267m disappoint City

By Jonathan Davis, Business Correspondent

Shares in Imperial Chemical Industries, Britain's largest manufacturing company, fell sharply yesterday after first quarter profits figures which were lower than the stock market was expecting. The figures also provided further evidence of the market slowdown in the American and world economies.

The first quarter pretax profit was £267 million, higher than both the previous quarter's figure of £254 million and the comparable profit a year ago of £245 million. But it was still between £10 million and £25 million below market estimates, and helped to send ICI shares down by 30p from 769p to 739p.

ICI refused to be drawn into the general pessimism of the analysts, and insisted that the figures were a more than creditable performance, especially after taking into account the dollar's sudden burst of strength in the last two weeks of March and the slow down in the United States economy.

ICI's sales volume was down 6 per cent outside Europe, and effectively flat over the world as a whole, compared with the last quarter of last year, but still 8 per cent up on the first quarter of last year.

Mr Alan Clements, finance director, said: "If you take into account the sluggish economic situation in the United States, the first quarter seasonal effects and the rather special situation of the mark and dollar suddenly bouncing up at the end of the quarter, then the figures are good. We are definitely performing in line with our budget."

ICI, which two months ago became the first non-oil industrial company in Britain to report annual profits of more than £1,000 million, has been busy for months plugging the message that it is now in much better shape to withstand the next cyclical downturn in the world chemical market.

The shares have fallen sharply from their peak of 880p in the last two months, however, hit by concern over the economic downturn and the effect of the sudden turnround in the fortunes of the dollar and the mark, the two key currencies in ICI's trade.

Yesterday's figures include the first month's contribution from the Beatrice chemical assets in the United states which ICI bought for $750 million at the end of February. ICI refused to say what the contribution was, but said its performance was slightly better than had been budgeted for.

The agrochemicals and pharmaceuticals divisions maintained their improved profitability, while fibres, speciality chemicals and polyurethanes also had a good quarter.

Profits from ICI's oil interests in the North Sea were down to £22 million from £26 million in the last quarter of 1984, reflecting the peaking of Ninian production and a near maximum rate of North Sea taxation.

Analysts still expect ICI to improve on last year's billion pound performance in 1985, but yesterday's results are likely to prompt further downgrading of the likely rate of profits growth.

The broking firm James Capel, for example, was predicting 1985 profits of £1,200 million two months ago, but now expects profits growth of not more than 10 per cent.

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Newspapers bid by United is referred

By William Kay, City Editor

Mr Norman Tebbitt, the Industry Secretary, yesterday referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission what he described as "the matter of the transfer of the newspapers of Fleet Holdings to United Newspapers".

This was in response to a request from United Newspapers a month ago for "consent in principle" to make a takeover bid for Fleet.

But Mr Tebbit has accepted the advice of Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director General of Fair Trading, not to refer the proposed takeover in respect of Fleet's non-newspaper interests. It owns Morgan-Grampian, the trade and technical magazine publisher, and has a stake in TV-am, the breakfast television service.

The newspaper reference is automatic if it involves newspapers with an average daily circulation of more than 500,000. Fleet owns the *Daily Express*, *Sunday Express* and *Daily Star*, with combined daily sales of more than 3 million.

Lord Matthews, the chairman of Fleet, said: "Whatever the outcome of the commission's inquiry, we regard the absence of any specific proposals from United as totally unsatisfactory. We shall be writing to our shareholders next week with our views on this highly unusual situation."

Mr Gordon Linacre, chief executive of United, said: "There is no point negotiating a purchase of something you may or may not be allowed to buy. We shall be talking to Fleet when we know the outcome of that question."

Lord Matthews has unsuccessfully been seeking further information from United. "We continue to regard the approach as without merit," he added.

Fleet shares fell 4p to 291p on the announcement.

Banking supervision report ready soon

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

The review of banking supervision precipitatedby the near collapse last year of Johnson Matthey Bankers is due to be completed within about a month.

Among the changes being considered by a committed chaired by Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, governor of the Bank of England, are doing away with the distinction between recongnized banks and licensed deposit takers, and requiring auditors to check the information which banks regularly give to the Bank of England.

Mr Ian Stewart, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, told the House of Commons yesterday that the report on supervisory arrangements should be sent to the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, "around the end of next month."

Although Mr Lawson has already promised to inform Parliament of the results of the review and of any changes needing legislation, there is no indication whether th review will be published.

Answering questions on the JMB affair yesterday, Mr Stewart said: "I cannot say at this stage what information can be made available and in what way."

A small increase in banking supervision staff at the Bank of England and increased emphasis on accounting expertise could emerge among the review's recommendations.

It also appears likely there will be change to both the Banking Act company law to enable auditors to discuss a bank's affairs with the supervisors.

The likely change to the Banking Act under consideration is extending the Bank of England's powers to demand information from licensed deposit takers to recognized banks.

More TSB concessions win over Scots peers

By Richard Thomson

The problems over the status of the Trustee Savings Bank in Scotland once the TSB Group has been publicly floated late this year or early next have been resolved. At a meeting yesterday with Lord Taylor of Gryfe, the SDP peer, and Lord Grimmond, the Liberal peer, Sir John Reed, TSB Group chairman, made further concessions ensuring the independent position of TSB Scotland within the group, which the peers accepted.

Sir John proposed that the TSB Group should be registered in Scotland and should hold its annual meetings there. Its headquarters would remain in London. He also promised that Scottish-based advisers would be appointed to help in carrying out the flotation.

Angus Grossart, the merchant banking arm of the Nobel Grossart Group based in Edinburgh, has already been appointed to advise on the issue.

Lord Taylor's office also said that Sir John had given assurances that a substantial number of the group's shares would be offered to Scottish institutions at the flotation. He accepted that these concessions together with Sir John's earlier proposals on Wednesday were sufficient to ensure TSB Scotland's freedom.

An amendment to the TSB Bill, stalled in the House of Lords over the issue, will be drawn up to include as many of the proposals as possible.

However, another Lords amendment seeking to put 25 per cent of the TSB shares in trust for depositors and employees has still not been resolved.



Sarah Hogg

Top award for Sarah Hogg

The trustees of The Wincott Foundation have given their major award, Financial Journalist of the Year, to Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor of *The Times*, for "maintaining a consistently high standard of economic comment".

Mrs Hogg, who joined *The Times* in January last year, is also deputy editor of the Finance and Industry section and has played a significant part in the reshaping of this part of the paper.

The award, which carries a cheque for £1,500, was made yesterday at the Midland Bank head office by Mrs Joyce Wincott, widow of Harold Wincott, who was one of the most outstanding financial writers of his or any age. The foundation set up to commemorate him makes annual awards for "outstanding achievement in economic and financial journalism".

The junior prize (£800) went to Lucy Kellaway for her work on the *Investors Chronicle*. The provincial journalist's award (£1,000) went to David Oates of the *Western Morning News* in Plymouth.

Richard Beckett names seek cash support

By Alison Eadie

A steering committee, under the chairmanship of Lord Goodman, of Lloyd's names on syndicates run by Richard Beckett Underwriting Agencies has written to enlist financial support from other names for an investigation into the syndicates' business. A £250 contribution per name is asked for to pay for Price Waterhouse, the accountants to uncover the extent of the syndicates' losses.

Last week names received a letter from Beckett, owned by Minet Holdings, the assurance broker, indicating that further substantial losses were likely on the 1982 year of underwriting. Syndicates 918, 940 and 157 have been hit by losses on US casualty business and by run-off contracts, which assume the long-tail liabilities of other insurers. Other Lloyd's underwriting agencies, including Merrett Syndicates, have been similarly hit.

IN BRIEF

Pound's fall continues

The pound was hit by a strong dollar and weak oil prices yesteday. Against the dollar it fell 2.2 cents to close in London at $1.2055. In the past week, the pound has dropped nearly 10 cents against the dollar.

Later in New York, the pound traded at $1.2033, and the dollar was around DM.15.

The sterling index fell by 0.7 to 76.6, as oil price concern pushed down the pound against most currencies. Against the mark, the pound closed nearly 3 pfennigs down at DM.7958. Sterling fell 4.27 to 303.63 against the yen.

The pound's fall has postponed further base rates cuts, with some money market operators now talking of the possibility of a small rise.

The three-month interbank rate rose $\frac{1}{16}$ yesterday to $12^{13}/_{16}$–$12^{11}/_{16}$ per cent. Base rates are now $12\frac{1}{2}$–$12\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

Grenfell sale

Grenfell and Colegrave, the 27-partner firm of London stockbrokers has sold 5 per cent of its shares to CIBC, the British merchant banking arm of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, based in Toronto. A price has been fixed for CIBC to buy the other 95 per cent next year.

Blue Circle rise

Blue Circle Industries, Britain's largest cement group, has increased 1984 pretax profits to £113.2 million up from £109.5 million. Turnover dropped from £906.5 million to £870.3 million. A final dividend of 14p makes 20p for the year against 19p last time. Tempus, page 21

Wimpey falls

George Wimpey, the property and construction group has reported a fall in pretax profits from £45 million to £38.2 million for 1984. Turnover rose from £1,480 million to £1,518 million. A final dividend of 2.4p, makes 3.25p for the year, against 3.05p last time.

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Malaysia issue

Malaysia's £75 million $10\frac{3}{4}$ per cent loan stock issue closed oversubscribed yesterday. Applications for up to £10,000 will be allotted in full and the balance scaled down with £450,000 and more receiving 5.9 per cent of the amounts applied for.

Memec rights

Memec (Memory and Electronic Components), the Distributor of electronic components and microprocessor systems, is raising £10.5 million from its shareholders to fund future growth. The rights issue is on the basis of one new share at 285p for every six already held. In the stock market the shares were 15p higher at 350p.

Cash network

Seven building societies have joined forces to set up a shared cash dispenser network called Matrix for an initial outlay of more than £10 million. The societies, which include the Anglia, Leeds Permanent and Woolwich have 7.4 million customers.

Hong Kong office deals

By Judith Huntley

The Hongkong Land Property Company has confirmed that IBM, the computer company, Citicorp, the US bank and James Capel, the stockbroker, are tenants in its 1.2 million sq ft Exchange Square office development in Hong Kong's Central District.

IBM Hong Kong is taking almost 100,000 sq ft of space bringing the amount let to 360,000 sq ft, more than 32 per cent of the total office space.

IBM is centralizing its operations from Wanchai, Causeway Bay and Central to Exchange Square, which will also be the home of Hong Kong's unified stock exchange.

Sources in Hong Kong say that American Express is thinking of taking the whole of the 322,000 sq ft third tower at Exchange Square.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	965.6 (+3.1)
FT-A All Share	821.73 (+1.75)
FT Govt Securities	81.82 (–0.12)
FT-SE 100	1,289.5 (+3.8)
Bargains 23,670	
Datastream USM	111.88 (–0.43)
New York	
Dow Jones	1,281.2 (+2.76)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12,333.87 (+116.10)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1,510.77 (–6.53)
Amsterdam:	208.5 (+0.4)
Sydney: AO	Closed
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1,235.6 (+2.9)
Brussels:	
General	227.72 (–6.78)
Paris: CAC	214.5 (+1.0)
Zurich:	
SKA General	344.00 (+0.90)

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Radio City "A"	38p +5p
Aurora	29p +3p
Lyon & Lyon	91p +9p
Biomechanics	13p +1p
George Wimpey	110p +8p
V W Thermax	73p +5p
Resource Technology	47p +3p
Pentland Industries	660p +40p
Gestetner	106p +6p
Erskine House	90p +5p
Celtic Haven	55p +3p
Thomas Borthwick	39p +2p

FALLS:

Acorn Computers	18p –2p
Common Brothers	78p –8p
New Crt Ntrl Resources	44p –4p
Lyle Shipping	11.5p –1p
Falcon Resources	430p –34p
Charthall	51p –4p
Burnett & Hallamshire	42p –3p
Brown & Jackson	14p –1p
Woodhouse & Rixson	29p –2p
French Connection	195p –13p
E Midland Allied Press	132p –8p
Bodycote International	103p –6p

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$ Index: 147.6 (+0.7)
ECU: £0.589247
SDR: £0.800947

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 12%–12½%
3-month Interbank $12^{13}/_{16}$–$12^{11}/_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills $11^{31}/_{32}$–$11^{29}/_{32}$%
buying rate
US:
Prime Rate 10.5%
Federal Funds 8¼%
3-month Treasury Bills 7.83-7.79%
Long bond $98^{14}/_{32}$–$98^{18}/_{32}$

N.V. Koninklijke Nederlandsche Petroleum Maatschappij
(Royal Dutch) Established at The Hague, The Netherlands

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

to be held on Wednesday 22nd May, 1985, at 10.30 a.m. in the "Nederlands Congresgebouw", 10 Churchillplein, The Hague, The Netherlands.

AGENDA:

1 Annual Report for 1984
2 Finalization of the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account together with the Notes thereto for 1984 and declaration of the final dividend for 1984.
3 Appointment of a member of the Supervisory Board
4 Appointment of a member of the Supervisory Board owing to retirement by rotation.

The documents referred to under items 1 and 2 are available for inspection and may be obtained free of charge at the Company's office, 30 Carel van Bylandtlaan, The Hague, and at the head offices of the banks mentioned below

The nominations for the appointments referred to under items 3 and 4 are available for inspection at the Company's office. The nomination for the appointment referred to under item 3 lists Mr H F van den Hoven first and Mr M.J Waale second, that for the appointment referred to under item 4 lists Mr E P Wellenstein first and Mr G.J.F Stijntjes second

REGISTRATION:

A. Holders of share certificates to bearer may attend the meeting if their share certificates, or evidence that their certificates are held in open custody by De Nederlandsche Bank N.V., are deposited against receipt **not later than 17th May, 1985,** at one of the banks mentioned below, viz.

In the Netherlands: Algemene Bank Nederland N.V.; Amsterdam-Rotterdam Bank N.V.; Bank Van der Hoop Offers N.V.; Bank Mees & Hope NV; Kas-Associatie N.V.; Pierson, Heldring & Pierson N.V.

In Austria: Creditanstalt-Bankverein, Österreichische Länderbank AG, Schoeller & Co., *all in Vienna.*

In Belgium: Société Générale de Banque S.A., Crédit Lyonnais, Kredietbank N.V., *all in Brussels.*

In the Federal Republic of Germany: Deutsche Bank AG, *Frankfurt/Main, Düsseldorf, Hamburg or Munich;* Dresdner Bank AG, *Frankfurt/Main, Düsseldorf, Hamburg, Munich or Saarbrücken;* Deutsche Bank Berlin AG, *Berlin;* Bank für Handel und Industrie AG, *Berlin;* Deutsche Bank Saar AG, *Saarbrücken.*

In France: Lazard Frères & Cie, *Paris.*

In Luxembourg: Banque Internationale à Luxembourg S.A., *Luxembourg*

In Switzerland: Schweizerische Kreditanstalt, Schweizerische Bankgesellschaft, Bank Leu AG, *all in Zürich;* Schweizerischer Bankverein, *Basle;* Pictet & Cie, *Geneva*

In the United Kingdom: N M Rothschild & Sons Limited, *London*

In the United States of America: The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., *New York.*

B. Holders of registered shares may attend the meeting if they make their intention to do so known to the Company in writing at the place and by the time indicated below

– with respect to shares of The Hague Registry at the Company's office at The Hague, **not later than 15th May, 1985;**
– with respect to shares of Amsterdam Registry at the office of Algemene Bank Nederland N.V., C.K.E., P.O. Box 2230, Breda The Netherlands, **not later than 15th May, 1985;**
– with respect to shares of New York Registry at the office of The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., ADR Section, P.O. Box 252, Bowling Green Station, New York - N.Y. 10274, **not later than 15th May, 1985.**

C. Holders of certificates for "New York shares", which are depositary receipts issued pursuant to an agreement dated 10th September, 1918, under which The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A. is successor depositary, may attend the meeting if their certificates for "New York shares" are deposited against receipt **not later than 17th May, 1985,** at Algemene Bank Nederland N.V. or The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., as mentioned above

D. Usufructuaries and pledgees with voting rights: what is stated above under A and B regarding registration is correspondingly applicable to usufructuaries and pledgees of bearer shares or registered shares if they have voting rights

POWERS OF ATTORNEY:

The persons mentioned above under A, B, C and D who wish to have themselves represented at the meeting by a **proxy** must not only comply with what is stated above under A, B, C and D respectively, **but must also deposit a written power of attorney not later than 17th May, 1985,** at the Company's office, 30 Carel van Bylandtlaan, The Hague, or, at the above-mentioned banks
If desired, forms which are obtainable free of charge at the Company's office and the banks may be used for this purpose

The Hague, 26th April, 1985

The Supervisory Board

WALL STREET

	Apr 24	Apr 23
AMF Inc	20⅝	19⅞
AMR	40⅞	40⅞
Allied Corp	44⅞	44⅝
Allied Stores	56⅞	55½
Allis Chalmers	6⅞	6¾
Alcoa	32½	32
Amax Inc	17⅜	17⅛
Amerada Hess	29⅝	30⅛
Am Brands	67⅝	67⅞
Am Broadcast	107	106⅝
Am Can	53⅝	53⅜
Am Cyanamid	53⅝	53½
Am Elec Power	21⅜	21⅛
Am Express	43⅝	43⅜
Am Home	61⅜	61⅜
Am Motors	3⅛	3⅛
Am Nat Res	64½	64⅛
Am Standard	28⅜	29
Am Telephone	21⅞	21⅞
Armco Steel	7⅛	7⅛
Asarco	24½	24¼
Ashland Oil	31⅝	31⅛
Atlantic Richfield	61⅛	48⅛
Avon Products	21⅛	21⅛
Bankers Tst NY	66⅛	67⅛
Bankamerica	20⅞	20⅝
Bank of Boston	48⅛	47⅞
Bank of NY	42⅞	43⅛
Beatrice Foods	31	31
Bethlehem Steel	17⅛	17⅛
Boeing	62½	61⅞
Boise Cascade	41	41⅛
Borden	69	69⅛
Borg Warner	22	22
Bristol Myers	57⅝	57⅜
BP	28⅞	28⅝
Burlington Ind	25⅞	25⅞
Burlington Ntrn	51⅝	51⅛
Burroughs	61⅛	60⅝
Campbell Soup	66	66⅛
Canadian Pacific	43⅞	43⅝
Caterpillar	32⅜	32⅛
Celanese	62½	62⅛
Central Soya	24	24
Champion	21⅝	21⅜
Chase Manhat	55	55
Chem Bank NY	40⅝	40⅝
Chevron	36⅞	36⅞
Chrysler	37	37
Citicorp	46⅞	46⅞
Clark Equip	29⅝	29⅝
Coca Cola	70	70
Colgate	25⅞	25⅝
CBS	110⅝	110⅝
Columbia Gas	28⅛	28⅛
Combustion Eng	32⅜	32⅛
Comwlth Edison	30	30
Cons Edison	33⅛	33⅛
Cons Power	6⅝	6⅝
Control Data	29⅞	29⅞
Corning Glass	36⅞	36⅞
CPC Intl	41⅛	41⅛
Crane	34⅛	34⅛
Crocker Int	26	26
Crown Zeller	41⅛	41⅛
Dart & Kraft	53⅞	53⅞
Deere	27⅛	27⅛
Delta Air	41⅝	42½
Detroit Edison	16⅝	16⅝
Digital Equip	103⅞	102⅝
Disney	79	79⅛
Dow Chemical	29⅞	29⅛
Dresser Ind	20⅞	20⅞
Duke Power	32⅝	32⅝
Du Pont	57⅛	57⅛
Eastern Air	7⅝	7⅝
Eastman Kodak	66⅞	66
Eaton Corp	52⅞	51⅞
Emerson Elec	71⅞	72
Evans Prod	2⅞	2⅞
Exxon Corp	52	52⅛
Fed Dept Stores	61½	62⅛
Firestone	19⅝	19⅛
1st Chicago	24⅞	24½
1st Intrst Bncp	46	46⅛
1st Penn Corp	7	7⅛
Ford	43⅛	43⅝
GAF Corp	31½	32
GTE Corp	40⅞	40⅞
Gen Corp	45	46⅛
Gen Dynamics	70	69⅝
Gen Electric	60⅜	61
Gen Foods	64½	64
Gen Mills	56	56
Gen Motors	70⅜	71
Gen Pub Util NY	12	12⅛
Genesco	5	5⅛
Georgia Pacific	22⅝	23⅛
Gillette	60⅛	61⅛
Goodrich	31½	31⅝
Goodyear	28⅜	28⅞
Gould Inc	21⅞	21⅝
Grace	40⅛	40⅝
Gt Atlc & Pacific	16⅞	16⅛
Greyhound	27⅞	27⅞
Grumman Corp	25⅞	26⅛
Gulf & West	38⅝	38
Heinz H. J.	47⅞	47⅞
Hercules	32⅝	33⅛
Honeywell	57⅞	57⅞
IC Inds	32½	32⅛
Ingersoll	46⅞	46⅝
Inland Steel	22	22⅛
IBM	128⅝	128
Int Harvester	6⅛	6⅛
INCO	14	13⅞
Int Paper	49⅞	50⅛
Int Tel Tel	35⅞	33½
Irving Bank	37½	37½
Jim Walter	33⅞	33½
Johnson & John	44⅝	43½
Kaiser Alumin	13⅝	14½
Kerr McGee	30½	29⅝
Kimberly Clark	53½	52½
K Mart	34	34⅛
Kroger	43	43
LTV. Corp	10	10
Litton	72⅛	71½
Lockheed	48⅞	47½
Lucky Stores	19	18⅝
Manuf Hanover	38	38⅜
Manville Cp	27⅛	27
Marco	32⅝	32½
Marine Midland	33⅞	34
Martin Marietta	52⅝	52⅝
McDonnell	77⅛	77⅜
Mead	38½	38⅝
Merck	104	103
Minnesota Mng	79⅝	80
Mobil Oil	30⅝	29½
Monsanto	44⅝	44⅜
Morgan J. P.	50	50
Motorola	31⅝	32
NCR Corp	27½	27⅛
NL Industries	12⅝	11⅝
Nabisco	59½	58⅞
Nat Distillers	29⅝	30⅛
Nat Med Ent	12⅝	12⅞
Norfolk South	65⅝	66⅛
NW Bancorp	26⅝	26⅞
Occidental Pet	28⅞	29⅞
Ogden	30⅞	31⅛
Olin Corp	31	31
Owens-Illinois	44⅛	44⅞
Pacific Gas Elec	18⅛	18⅛
Pan Am	5⅛	5⅛
Penney J. C.	48⅞	48⅛
Pennzoil	51	50⅞
Pepsico	52⅛	53⅛
Pfizer	45	44½
Phelps Dodge	19⅞	19⅞
Philip Morris	91⅛	92⅛
Phillips Petrol	40⅝	40⅛
Polaroid	29⅝	29⅜
PPG Ind	35⅞	35⅝
Procter Gamble	52⅜	52⅝
Pub Ser El & Gas	28⅝	28
Raytheon	46⅝	46⅝
RCA Corp	43⅜	43⅝
Reynolds Ind	64	62⅞
Reynolds Metal	33⅝	33½
Rockwell Int	33⅝	33⅝
Royal Dutch	57⅞	57⅞
Safeways	30⅞	31½
Sara Lee	38⅝	39
SFE Sopec	27⅞	27
SCM	46⅝	46⅝
Schlumberger	40⅞	40⅞
Scott Paper	37⅜	37⅞
Seagram	42⅝	42⅝
Sears Roebuck	33⅛	33⅛
Shell Oil	59⅝	59½
Shell Trans	35⅝	36⅛
Signal Co	38	38⅛
Singer	36⅞	36⅝
Smithkline Beck	69⅝	69⅝
Sony	16⅝	17⅛
Sth Cal Edison	25⅝	25⅞
Sperry Corp	51⅛	50
Std Oil Indiana	61⅝	61⅝
Std Oil Ohio	47⅝	46⅞
Sterling Drug	31	31⅛
Stevens J. P.	17	17
Sun Comp	49⅞	50⅛
Teledyne	243⅞	244⅛
Tenneco	43⅛	43⅝
Texaco	38⅝	38
Texas East Corp	35⅞	35⅛
Texas Inst	93⅝	91⅛
Texas Utilities	29⅝	29⅝
Textron	46⅛	44⅝
TWA	33⅛	32⅞
Travelers Corp	42⅞	41⅞
TRW Inc	72⅛	72⅜
UAL Inc	41⅛	42⅜
Union Carbide	38⅝	38⅛
Unocal	47⅛	46⅝
Un Pacific Corp	46⅝	46⅛
Uniroyal	19⅛	19⅛
United Brands	13⅜	13½
US Steel	26⅞	26⅝
Utd Technol	39⅝	39⅝
Wachovia	36⅞	36⅞
Warner Lambert	32⅝	32⅛
Wells Fargo	55⅞	55⅛
Westinghse Elec	31	30⅛
Weyerhauser	28⅝	28⅞
Whirlpool	43	43⅛
Woolworth	44⅛	43⅝
Xerox Corp	46⅞	47⅛
Zenith	20⅝	21⅛

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	52⅝	52½
Alcan Alumin	33⅞	33½
Algoma Steel	22½	23
Bell Telephone	38⅛	38⅛
Can Pacific	58⅝	59½
Cominco	14⅝	14⅛
Cons Bathurst	15⅝	16½
Gulf Oil	19⅝	20
Hawker/Sid Can	19⅛	19½
Hudson Bay Min	7⅞	7⅞
Imasco	27⅛	27⅛
Imperial Oil	54⅝	54⅞
Int Pipe	36½	36½
Massey-Fergsn	2.82	2.82
Royal Trustco	21	21
Seagram	58⅝	58⅛
Steel Co	20½	20½
Thomson N 'A'	55⅝	54½
Walker Hiram	33⅝	36⅝
WCT	15⅝	15⅞

● Ex div a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded y Unquoted.

Dow makes early gain

New York, (Agencies) – Wall Street shares had a modest gain at mid-morning after recovering from a lower start.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 1.10 at 1279.59 on volume of 29.65 million shares. Advances led declines by a narrow margin.

Unocal led the active list down ½ to 47⅛. Mr T. Boone Pickens' group of investors said it would tender shares under the Unocal exchange offer but added that it still opposes the offer and still seeks control.

Anheuser-Busch, which reported higher earnings and declared a stock split on Wednesday was up 1⅝ to 83⅛.

A. T. & T. was slipping, down ¼ to 21 ½.

Ford was down ½ to 43⅛ and Chrysler down ⅛ to 36¾.

Some electronics shares were lower, with IBM down ⅜ to 128 ¼ and Digital Equipment down ¼ to 103⅛.

CBS was up 1 to 109 and Times Mirror Corp up ¼ to 48¾.

Procter and Gamble was gaining, up ½ to 52 ½.

Exxon was up ⅜ to 52 ¼ and Atlantic Richfield up ⅜ to 52⅝.

● The Federal Home Loan Bank board is considering liquidating some assets of Beverly Hills Savings and Loan Association and extending its contract with an outside manager.

Investment bankers said such a contract extension would enable the agency to defer losses *on the thrift's failure.*

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR

May	96.80– 96.40
Aug	107.80–107.60
Oct	111.80–111.60
Dec	118.00–117.20
Mar	130.00–129.80
May	134.80–134.40
Aug	141.00–140.00
Vol:	1,486

COCOA

May	1891–90
July	1907–05
Sep	1874–70
Dec	1813–11
Mar	1812–11
May	1820–15
Jly	1840–00
Vol:	251/3483
Tone	–

COFFEE

May	2150–49
July	2188–86
Sep	2208–2225
Nov	2255–2252
Jan	2265–2261
Mar	2260–2240
May	2238–2225
Vol:	484/2538

GAS OIL

Apr	23025–2950
May	22550–2525
Jne	2075–2050
Jly	21825–1800
Aug	22075–2000
Sep	22275–2350
Oct	22900–2550
Dec	23000–2750
Vol:	1,488

RUBBER

May	705–80
Jun	715–90
Jul	725–00
Aug	735–10
Sep	745–20
Oct	755–30
Nov	765–40
Dec	775–50
Jan	unquoted
July/Sept	735–10
Oct/Dec	765–40
Jan/March	unquoted
Vol:	Nil

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices:
Official turnover figures

Prices in pounds per metric ton Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE

Cash	1271.00–1272.00
Three months	1225.00–1225.50
T/O	6,700
Tone	Very steady

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	1229.00–1230.00
Three months	1232.00–1233.00
T/O	150
Tone	Quiet

TIN STANDARD

Cash	9,405–9,415
Three months	9,410–9,420
T/O	505
Tone	Very steady

TIN HIGH–GRADE

Cash	9,410–9,420
Three months	9,420–9,430
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

LEAD

Cash	310.00–311.00
Three months	304.50–306.00
T/O	1,800
Tone	Steady

ZINC STANDARD

Cash	725.00–727.00
Three months	721.00–722.00
T/O	1,800
Tone	Steady, but quiet

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	750.00–755.00
Three months	745.00–748.00
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

SILVER LARGE

Cash	513.0–514.0
Three months	528.0–529.0
T/O	15
Tone	Quiet

SILVER SMALL

Cash	513.0–514.0
Three months	528.0–529.0
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	924.00–926.00
Three months	937.50–938.00
T/O	5,650
Tone	Steadier

NICKEL

Cash	4,820–4,825
Three months	4,540–4,550
T/O	954
Tone	Steady

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET

In US $ per oz.
London Gold Futures were untraded yesterday.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:
Average, fatstock prices at representative markets on April 22:

GB: Cattle, 97.16p per kg lw (+0.66).
GB: Sheep, 241.34p per kg est d c w (–0.40).
GB: Pigs, 81.03p per kg lw (+1.16).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 4.8 per cent, ave. price, 97.31p (+0.01).
Sheep nos. down 1.2 per cent, ave. price, 242.80p (–1.69).
Pig nos. down 4.8 per cent, ave. price, 80.81p (+1.15).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 0.2 per cent, ave. price, 96.09p (+0.79).
Sheep nos. down 41.6 per cent, ave. price, 232.48p (–3.17).
Pig nos. up 12.9 per cent, ave. price, 86.87p (+1.19).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
May	£119.50	£114.85
Jul	£123.25	–
Sep	£99.80	£98.00
Nov	£102.90	£102.15
Jan	£106.55	£105.60
Mar	£109.85	£105.85

Total lots traded
Wheat 224
Barley 14

APPOINTMENTS

British Printing & Communication Corporation: Mr Reg Mogg has become finance director with a seat on the main board.

Dron & Wright: Mr Michael Robson joins the partnership on Wednesday.

The Manufacturers Life Insurance Co (UK): Mr Joseph Mounsey has been made vice-president and deputy general manger United Kingdom operations and Mr Richard Bowles has become investment vice-president.

International Thomson Publishing: Mr Vincent Conran has been appointed managing director of Business Magazines.

Paddington Building Society: Mr Bernard Wheeler has been made a director.

Resource Technology: Mr David P. Sebire has been made non-executive chairman and Mr Michael Franks and Mr David Sawyer non-executive directors.

Durrant Piesse: Mr William Richards and Mr Nicholas Macfarlane will become partners on Wednesday.

Sekers International: Mr Peter Haworth has become finance director.

National Westminster Bank: Mr Geoffrey Burdett has been appointed Lea Valley Area director with effect from August 1 and will succeed Mr Aubrey Pennington.

Hunting Associated Industries: Mr Brian Stairs joins the board and has been appointed a director of Hunting Survey and Photographic.

Freshfields: Mr John Byrne, Mr Michael Thompson and Mr Anthony McWhirter join the partnership on May 1.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Period rates firmed further yesterday as the prospect of the next base rate cut was pushed out beyond short term expectations.

They were up between ⅛ and 3/16 at the end of the day, the sharper rises occuring in sterling certificates of deposit, where three-month paper, for instance, was up ⅛ to 12⅜–⅞ per cent and 12-month up 3/16 to 11 13/16–11/16 per cent.

In straight term desposits, the "threes" were 1/16 higher at 12 13/16–11/16 per cent, and the "twelves" ⅛ up at 12 1/16–11 13/16 per cent.

The 12-month rate has firmed half a point since the end of last week. Local authorities were not showing much interest.

Eurodollar deposits suffered from re-appraisal of the outlook for money rates across the Atlantic and generally went a shade firmer, especially after Fed funds rose to 8¼–⅛ per cent

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 12½–12½
Finance House 14

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 13 Low 12
Week fixed: 13–12⅛

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	12	2 months	11⅞
3 months	11 1/16	3 months	13 1/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 month	12 5/16–12⅜	2 months	12⅜–12⅜
3 months	11 3/16–11⅜	6 months	11⅜–11 1/16

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 month	12 1/16	2 months	12 1/16
3 months	12 1/16	6 months	12⅛

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 13–12⅝, close 14–12⅝

1 week	13–13	6 months	12⅛–12⅜
1 month	12⅞–12⅝	9 months	12⅝–12⅜
3 months	12 1/16–12 1/16	12 months	12 1/16–11 13/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	13	7 days	13
1 month	12⅝	3 months	12⅝
6 months	12⅛	12 months	11⅝

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 month	13⅝–13	2 months	13–12⅝
3 months	12⅝–12⅛	6 months	12⅛–11⅞
9 months	12⅛–12	12 months	12–11⅞

Sterling CDs (%)

1 month	12⅛–12⅜	3 months	12⅝–12 1/16
6 months	12–11⅞	12 months	11⅝–11⅜

Dollar CDs (%)

1 month	8.25–8.15	3 months	8.40–8.30
6 months	8.65–8.55	12 months	9.35–9.25

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	8⅛–7⅛
7 days	8⅛–8	1 month	8⅛–8 1/16
3 months	8⅛–8⅛	6 months	9–8⅞
Deutschmark		call	5⅞–4½
7 days	5 5/16–5 3/16	1 month	5 3/16–5 1/16
3 months	5⅛–5 1/16	6 months	6⅛–5 15/16
French Franc		call	10⅞–6⅝
7 days	10⅝–10⅛	1 month	10⅝–10⅛
3 months	10⅜–10⅛	6 months	10⅝–10⅜
Swiss Franc		call	2–1
7 days	11⅛–11⅜	1 month	5⅜–5⅛
3 months	5⅜–5⅛	6 months	5⅛–5
Yen		call	6⅛–5⅞
7 days	6⅝–6⅛	1 month	6⅛–6 1/16
3 months	6⅛–6	6 months	6 1/16–5 15/16

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin): $331.50–333 (£274.50–276)
Sovereigns* (new): $76–77.50 (£63–64.25)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV
Average reference rate for interest period 6 March 1985, to 2 April, 1985, inclusive: 13.618 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Dollar strength and weakening oil prices combined to drag sterling down further in active currency trading yesterday.

The pound closed at 1.2055, down 2.20 cents on the day, making a loss so far this week of nearly 9 cents.

Sterling, though underpinned to some extent by high interest rates, was also in retreat on the Continent. It fell from DM3.8221 to DM3.7957 in terms of the mark, for example. At the close, the effective exchange rate index was down another 0.7 to 76.6.

Continentals to lose ground to the dollar included the mark, down from 3.1150 to 3.1450.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range April 25	Market rates close April 25	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.2040-1.2210	$1.2040-1.2070	0.48-0.46c prem	1.21-1.18c prem
Montreal	$1.6335-1.6717	$1.6435-1.6500	0.44-0.35c prem	1.16-1.03c prem
Amsterdam	4.2706-4.3093fl	4.2850-4.2900fl	2¾–2⅝c prem	6¼–6c prem
Brussels	75.69-76.79	76.30-76.73	24–29c prem	61–62c prem
Copenhagen	13.5750-13.6950k	13.5918-13.6400k	4¾–3¾ore prem	10¾–9¾ore prem
Dublin	1.2060-1.2195p	1.2105-1.2115p	7 prem-6p disc	22 prem-22p disc
Frankfurt	3.7748-3.8100m	3.7896-3.8019m	2⅝–2⅜pf prem	6¾–6pf prem
Lisbon	211.16-216.79e	211.16-215.30e	125–610e disc	480-1465e disc
Madrid	211.14-213.25p	211.18-211.35p	15 prem-10p disc	40-75p disc
Milan	2383.50-2435.47lr	2405.41-2435.47lr	3 prem-1lr disc	2-7lr disc
Oslo	10.8960-10.9497k	10.9037-10.9429k	⅛ prem-¼ore disc	½ore prem-par
Paris	11.4580-11.5138f	11.5488-11.5138f	2⅝–1⅞c prem	6⅞–5¾c prem
Stockholm	10.0619-10.9973k	10.9488-10.9881k	1–⅜ore disc	2–2⅝ore disc
Tokyo	303.16-307.97y	303.16-304.09y	1⅞–1¼y prem	5–4¾y prem
Vienna	26.5200-26.8857sch	26.5813-26.8627sch	12-12⅜gro prem	36-34⅞gro prem
Zurich	3.1410-3.1718f	3.1519-3.1718f	2⅝–1⅞c prem	5¾–5¼c prem

Sterling Index compared with 1975 was down 0.7 at 76.6 (day's range 76.6-77.2).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentine peso*	521-522.14
Australia dollar	1.8060-1.8130
Bahrain dinar	0.4590-0.4630
Brazil cruzeiro*	5860-5922
Cyprus pound	0.7875-0.7975
Finland marka	7.8985-7.9385
Greece drachma	164.10-166.10
Hong Kong dollar	9.4748-9.4848
India rupee	15.05-15.25
Iraq dinar	–
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.3675-0.3715
Malaysia dollar	3.0308-3.0370
Mexico peso	270-290
New Zealand dollar	2.6714-2.6855
Saudi Arabia riyal	4.3650-4.4350
Singapore dollar	2.7014-2.7074
South Africa rand	2.3654-2.3720
United Arab Emirates dirham	4.4715-4.5115

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.0030-1.0050
Singapore	2.2225-2.2255
Malaysia	2.4935-2.4965
Australia	0.6730-0.6750
Canada	1.3665-1.3680
Sweden	9.0400-9.0500
Norway	9.0000-9.0100
Denmark	11.2200-11.2300
West Germany	3.1225-3.1275
Switzerland	2.5990-2.6020
Netherlands	3.5300-3.5400
France	9.4950-9.5050
Japan	251.60-251.75
Italy	1992-1995
Belgium(Comm)	62.73-62.78
Hong Kong	7.7895-7.7910
Portugal	170-176
Spain	174 60-174.80
Austria	21.94-21.97

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Exbel. *Lloyds Bank International.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Owing to a power failure the London Financial Futures for Thursday are unavailable. These figures refer to Wednesday's trading.

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 85	88.18	88.26	87.99	88.06	2854
Sep 85	89.03	89.03	88.80	88.86	289
Dec 85	89.17	89.17	89.13	89.03	21
Mar 86	89.15	89.20	89.00	89.06	48
Jun 86	89.20	89.20	89.00	89.06	55
Previous day's total open interest 6821					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 85	91 05	91.09	90 96	91.08	5823
Sep 85	90.41	90.47	90 35	90.45	1472
Dec 85	89.87	89.95	89 84	89.95	320
Mar 86	89 42	89.47	89.42	89.53	78
Jun 86	NT			89.18	0
Previous day's total open interest 18507					
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 85	71-16	71-16	71-08	71-14	1757
Sep 85	70-11	70-12	70-10	70-12	50
Previous day's total open interest 3088					
Long Gilt					
Jun 85	107-06	107-08	106-16	106-	4978
Sep 85	NT			110-10	0
Dec 85	NT			110-12	0
Mar 86	NT			110-01	0
Previous day's total open interest 3178					
FT-SE 100					
Jun 85	128.90	128.90	128.30	128.80	67
Sep 85	128.80	128.80	128.80	129.40	1
Dec 85	NT				
Previous day's total open interest 1069					

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
188	162	Aberdeen	171	..	9.4b	5.5	..
101	87½	Alba	95	..	2.0b	2.1	..
698	560	Alliance	645	-5	24.6	3.8	..
155	118	Amer Trust	126	+3	4.1	3.3	..
302	254	Ang Amer Sec	286	..	8.1	2.8	..
145	129	Ashdown	136	..	3.9	2.8	..
109	88	Atlantic Assets	103	-1	2.7	2.6	..
133	93	Barkers	96	..	3.5b	3.6	..
194	167	Berry	167	..	1.4b	0.8	..
178	152	Border & Sthrn	169	..	4.7	2.8	..
107	84	Brit Am Con	100	..	3.7	3.7	..
275	192	Br Assets	197	..	9.7b	4.9	..
30½	26	Br Empire Sec	29½	..	1.3	4.5	..
303	265	British Inv	282	..	10.3b	3.4	..
75	64	Bruntel	72	..	2.9	4.0	..
89	72	Charter Agency	78	..	3.1b	3.7	..
695	625	Continental	655	..	26.7b	4.1	..
148	118	Crescent Japan	148	+5	1.1	0.8	..
415	395	Delta	375	..	..	..	..
109	97	Derby Inv	100	..	10.2	10.2	..
103	85	Do Cap	98	..	..	..	..
295	264	Drayton Cons	286	..	12.7	4.4	..
148	126	Drayton Far East	128	+1	1.6	1.2	..
420	368	Drayton Japan	389	+8	3.6	1.0	..
383	330	Dragonyn Investor	369	+1	10.2	2.7	..
180	166	Dundee Loo	176	..	5.7	3.5	..
118	98	Edin Amer Assets	100	..	2.6	2.6	..
117	103	Edinburgh	115	+½	4.1	3.7	..
282	254	Electra Dem	274	..	4.3b	1.7	..
251	238	English Int	244	..	6.5b	4.0	..
79	68	English Scot	68	..	1.5	2.7	..
109½	91	English NY	101	..	3.6	3.5	..
97	85	F&C Alliance	96	+1	2.4	2.7	..
186	149	F&C Pacific	142	+2	5.4	3.8	..
215	188	Family	215	+1	8.9	4.1	..
279	242	First Scot Amer	251	..	12.9b	5.1	..
190	166	First Un Gen	186	..	8.7b	4.9	..
500	440	Fleming American	488	+5	7.5	1.5	..
259	235	Fleming Claver	255	..	12.4	4.9	..
288	255	Fleming Enterprise	283	..	11.1	4.4	..
338	289	Fleming Far East	278	+5	2.9	1.0	..
109	100	Fleming Fledgling	105	..	2.6	2.5	..
508	468	Fleming Japan	475	+7	4.3	0.9	..
118	105	Fleming Mercantile	114	+1	4.3b	3.8	..
134	105	Fleming Overseas	105	..	3.3b	3.1	..
163	139	Fleming Tech	141	+1	3.1	2.2	..
324	278	Fleming Universal	286	+4	6.8	2.4	..
74	59½	For Co	65	+½	1.8	2.8	..
121	92	GBC Capital	107	..	..	..	..
185	146	GT Japan	176	+4	2.8b	1.3	..
612	515	General Funds	585	+5	13.0	2.3	..
351	280	General Cons	345	+1	13.1	3.4	..

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
125	109	Glasgow Stock	112	..	2.9	2.6	..
278	257	Globe	257	-1	12.6	5.0	..
222	202	Greenfrier	214	..	5.3	3.1	..
288	255	Grosvenor House	255	..	6.7	2.2	..
153	128	Hambros	153	+2	5.4	3.5	..
244	228	Hill (P)	238	+2	13.2	5.5	..
564	486	Ivory & Sime	530	..	7.8	1.5	..
235	212	Income Success	217	+5	5.2b	2

TEMPUS

Blue Circle closer to delivering its promise

Blue Circle had a double helping of good news for the market yesterday. The speculation about a rights issue proved to be unfounded, at least for the time being, and pretax profits of £113.2 million, up from £109.5 million, were ahead of most expectations.

With much of the rationalization now out of the way, the exceptional costs of £14.4 million in 1984 will be much lower this year. An end to the miners' strike, which cost Blue Circle £6 million, will provide a further boost and the 4.5 per cent increase in domestic cement prices, the first for more than three years, can only help the company's performance. On the surface it looks good.

However, some caution about the group should be retained. Blue Circle is exposed to fluctuations in the dollar. Currency added £2.5 million to profits in 1984 and 16 per cent of operating profits were generated in the US. This will increase after the acquisition of Atlantic Cement.

A weak dollar will hit the sterling profits on translation, although the US is key to Blue Circle's growth and any expansion will be there.

Of more concern is the political stability of some of the countries in which the group operates, in particular Chile and South Africa.

There may well be some significant changes in the structure of the South African business where the group's holding has been reduced from 55 per cent to 50.3 per cent. A merger with D & H Materials, the recently acquired South African associate, is possible.

On balance, Blue Circle is now much closer to delivering the jam which it has been promising for tomorrow. Market share is fairly steady at home, despite a 1 per cent slip to 58 per cent in 1984.

However, the benefits will come from the rationalization which the company has undertaken and which will be substantially completed this year. Overseas, the US will provide the best growth opportunities.

Gearing will rise to 45 per cent after the Atlantic Cement acquisition, which is perhaps a little uncomfortable. It will reduce as capital spending falls but a rights issue cannot be ruled out particularly if Blue Circle wants to fund another American acquisition.

George Wimpey

The changes which have been made at George Wimpey in the year since Mr Cliff Chetwood took over as chairman and chief executive do not appear to have had any immediate effect on the company's results.

In 1984 pretax profits fell to £38.2 million from £45 million, earnings per share fell and borrowings and gearing both increased. These are not the kind of figures which would normally impress a stock market which had become less than enchanted with the company.

However, the results in themselves do not do justice to the very significant managerial and operational changes which have been introduced. That the changes have had no impact is a reflection of the depth and the diversity of the problems which Wimpey faced.

The process of restoring order to a business, which according to Mr Chetwood had become distinctly sloppy, is not easy and it will be at least another year before the benefits will be seen.

The property portfolio is being shaken out in an effort to improve the quality of earnings. The engineering business has been revamped. Tenders and existing contracts are under much tighter control and the decision making process generally has been improved.

The current year is unlikely to produce any great uplift in profits but it will be a crucial period for Wimpey. If the changes are completed satisfactorily then it will leave the company ready to enter 1986 working from a much sounder operating base. The shares closed up 8p at 110p reflecting confidence, for the time being, in the new regime.

ICI/Anchor

Build up a reputation as an industrial miracle worker, and markets come to expect magic. So when ICI's chairman, Mr John Harvey Jones, reported a mere £22 million increase in first-quarter profits yesterday, ICI shares tumbled nearly 30p to 740p.

Analysts had already been marking down their more inflated forecasts of up to £29 million but £267 million was still a disappointment.

Comparatively tiny Anchor Chemical Group had more cheering news: pretax profits more than doubled last year on sales up from £14.2 million to £17.1 million.

The reason, the company says, is that it is now firmly established as a producer of specialist chemicals. If ICI could make more of its £1,000 million sales in that sector, it would be much happier.

But ICI is a chemical conglomerate and suffers accordingly. The disappointments in its figures came in sectors where they could not be foreseen and do not reflect on its basic soudness: exchange rates and the weather. On exchange rates, the company converts its overseas debtors at rate in operation at the end of the quarter. In so doing, the strength of the mark at the end of March did much to wipe out currency gains from earlier in the year.

Exchange gains were around £1 million but had been estimated much higher.

Equally, a disastrous quarter in fertilisers – thanks to dreadfull farming weather – could be compensated for in the second half as farmers rush to catch up. All of which means that the outlook for the year is still relatively optimistic if not as sky high as some had hoped.

Profits of £1,090 million are the estimate of Mr Howard Coates, chemicals analyst at de Zoete & Bevan.

On that basis, the ICI shares are desperately under-rated, with a discount of around 30 per cent to the market. But it is hard to see what might provoke a re-rating apart, perhaps, from a major acquisition, and ICI is still believed to be looking.

Anchor, however, has already found a way to please the market, having survived a major reorganization and a drastic fire to come out with record results and a final dividend up from 2.25p to 3p. What better time than to go for a two-for-five rights issue to raise £2.14 million.

The new shares are being offered at 195p, a substantial discount to the current 250p, where they look particularly strong.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Marks and Spencer pays a price for bargain offers

By Derek Pain and Jeremy Warner

Marks and Spencer suffered a bout of pre-results jitters yesterday as the story went round the stock market that Britain's largest retailer is having a bad time with its spring fashion lines.

The effect of the tale, which originated from a broker who spotted heavy mark downs on women's fashion lines at his local Tunbridge Wells store, was compounded by speculation that full year profits, due to be announced a week on Tuesday, would be at the low end of the £300 million to £310 million range of forecasts.

The shares sank 5p at one stage to 135p but later recovered to close just 1p down on the day at 139p as the company made soothing noises about the reasons for the price cuts.

The group now has two distinct lines for spring and early summer in place of the one batch of merchandise that was usual in the past. Yesterday it cut prices on the first line in an effort to clear out the old before the May bank holiday and be in a position to introduce the brighter colours of the second line.

"I fear that some brokers may have misinterpreted the price cuts as a sign of slow moving stock but this is simply not the case", a spokesman said.

Equities had another uneventful day with the market hit by the City power cut. The morning's edition of *The Times*, the directors of Habitat Mothercare are disturbed to see continued speculation in the press today that Habitat is about to bid for Debenhams. Such speculation can only have a disruptive and confusing effect on the employees and shareholders of both groups."

Mr Tony Good, chairman of Good Relations, the public relations group, was putting a brave face on defections from the City office at yesterday's shareholders' meeting. He said the situation had now "completely stabilized" and announced new accounts including Hill Samuel, Bowrings, and the Bank of Scotland. However, Good Relations does not know the future of its important Price Waterhouse account.

Mr Roger Seelig of Morgan Grenfell and a Habitat Mothercare director, said he wished to make clear that the reference to Debenham's share price he was quoted as making in yesterday's market report referred to the price that was being discussed between the two companies when they were in talks some eight weeks ago, not to any other.

Pentland Industries, the leisure footwear group, which recently announced profits of nearly £13 million, jumped 40p to 660p after a buy circular from Margetts and Addenbrooke, the broker.

The analyst Mr R C Lawler expects current year profits to hit £20 million and he is shooting for £27 million next year.

He says Pentland's rapid recent profit progress – it made only £1,677,000 in 1983 – is "attributable not only to an expanding athletics-leisure market but also to the management's experience in international trading and in seeking new products and markets".

British Aerospace rose 7p to 415p, awaiting the prospectus on the sale of the Government's 48 per cent share stake which is to be published towards the end of next week. The £120 million order from China also helped.

French Connection, the once high flying fashion share which lost ground as profits failed to reach best expectations, had a poor day, slipping 13p to 195p. The shares were as high as 375p earlier this year.

Blue Circle Industries, whose much rumoured rights issue failed to materialize with the figures, gained 20p to 500p. Analysts attending a meeting after the results were known were impressed by what they heard. An analysts' meeting after the figures from George Wimpey also helped and the shares gained 8p to 110p.

H J Quick, the garage group, lost ground on its profits setback and **Falcon Resources**, the speculative oil stock, slipped 44p to 420p despite the scrip issue and share division.

The newcomer Prestwick Holdings, offered at 100p, had a quiet debut – reaching 104p. But **Huntleigh Technology**, placed at 150p, romped ahead to 191p.

Third Mile Investments jumped 10p to 76p as Northcote and Co., the broker, attempted to buy in the market up to 10 per cent of the capital for unidentified clients. Northcote has acted for Mr Tim Wilmot, chairman of Harvard Securities, when he acquired a shareholding through a similar market purchasing exercise in Ewart New Northern, a small property company.

East Midland Allied Press slipped on profit taking as takeover hopes faded. The shares lost 8p to 132p.

Solicitors Law Stationery Society lost 3p to 38p on the Robert Maxwell interest and **Hestair** fell 3p to 71p on the 50 per cent profits slump.

Park Hall Leisure, which operates a Lancashire Leisure complex, is the latest over-the-comter recruit. It is raising £480,000 by placing shares at 32p. On forecast profits of £200,000 they are on 14.4 times prospective earnings. The placing is by Harvard Securities. Dealings start on May 9.

The management of **BAJ Vickers**, which designs equipment for rocket motors, is buying the business from the parent Vickers group for £4 million. Vickers say that BAJ, which employees 500 at Banwell, near Weston-super-Mare, no longer fits in with its defence activities. As part of the buyout, which has the backing of six City institutions, all the employees are expected to become shareholders in the business. Vickers' shares, helped by Wednesday's acquisition, rose 8p to 267p.

Vosper again reflected compensation hopes, rising 17p to 274p and **Goldsmiths** edged ahead 4p to 216p on suggestions that it is about to sell an offshoot.

Fergabrook, the toy company, eased 3p to 82p as profits fell 23 per cent and **Moss Bros**, the clothing group, again advanced on the back of its recent impressive figures, gaining 27p to 433p.

A 35 per cent profits advance helped **Systems Reliability** 30p to the good at 300p

FT 30 share index closed with a 3.1 points gain at 965.6 points but trading was often down to the merest trickle.

Imperial Chemical Industries first quarter figures were below expectations and the shares tumbled 30p to 739p.

Sterling's continuing weakness again helped some international stocks but overall had a depressing influence on sentiment as hopes of interest rate cuts receded still further.

Gilts were subdued with losses of up to £¾. Index linked stocks, however, were firm.

Denials from Habitat Mothercare that it is about to bid for Debenhams failed to dampen speculative interest in the Debenham's shares which rose a further 7p to 269p.

Late in the day Habitat issued a statement saying: "Despite a catagoric denial by a member of the board this

Energy Services and Electronics, resisting a £33 million takeover bid from Peek Holdings, is ready to sell its loss-making Neve Audio, which produces an advanced sound mixing system. A price of £5 million seems possible. Peek, on the other hand, would expect to sell Neve at a substantial loss. ESE shares closed 1p up at 92p – 4½p above the bid level.

Traded option highlights

Trading was quiet on the London Traded Options Market yesterday with just under 5,000 bargains achieved.

Marks and Spencer was the most actively traded option with 944 bargains; ICI accounted for 501 and British Telecom had the distinction of achieving 452 contracts

Hestair to raise £10m from fire engine site

By Ian Griffiths

Hestair, the industrial holdings group, is to raise £10.4 million through the sale of part of its production site in Guildford, Surrey, where it builds Dennis fire engines. The sale will greatly boost the rationalization of its vehicles division.

Contracts for the sale were signed with an unnamed property group on Wednesday and if shareholders approve the transactiion a £5 million payment on account will be made in July. The balance will be paid by the end of the financial year.

This will more than cover the £4 million cost of reorganizing the vehicles division which has depressed the group's profits.

Hestair yesterday announced pretax profits of £1.4 million for the year to January 31 down from £2.6 milliion on a turnover which increased from £89.7 million to £116 million.

The restructuring in the vehicles division will reduce group turnover by between £6 million and £10 million. But it will bring significant cost savings and Mr David Hargreaves, chairman, predicted it would also mean a "very substantial increase in profitability".

The group's other activities including toys, stationery and employment bureaux, which have supported the vehicles division in the past, are all expected to improve profits this year.

National Provident Institution

Notice of Annual General and Special General Meetings.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the one hundred and forty-ninth annual general meeting of members of the National Provident Institution will be held at the Vintners' Hall, 68½ Upper Thames Street, London EC4V 3BE, on 21 May 1985 at 12.15pm for the transaction of the following ordinary business:

To receive and consider the accounts and the report of the directors for the year ended 31 December 1984.

To re-elect directors.

To re-appoint Deloitte Haskins & Sells as auditors, and to authorise the directors to determine their renumeration.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that immediately following the annual general meeting and at the same address a special general meeting will be held to consider and, if thought fit, to pass the resolution set out below, approving an alteration in the Rules of NPI, which has been duly recommended by the directors at a special board meeting.

RESOLUTION: that the Rules of the Institution as amended up to the date hereof be further amended as follows:

In line four of Rule 25 after the word "Director" insert the words "or by such other person as the Directors may from time to time appoint."

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to enable the directors to delegate the sealing of documents.

By order of the Board, G.V. Bayley, General Manager and Actuary.

NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3.

If you would like a copy of NPI's Report and Accounts 1984, write to John Fisher, National Provident Institution, National Provident House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2UE.

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WATMOUGHS (HOLDINGS) PLC

Turnover and profit at record levels

	1984	1983	Increase
Group turnover	£27 million	£22.5 million	20%
Profit before tax	£2.3 million	£2.1 million	10%
Dividend per share	6.25p	5.21p*	20%

*Adjusted for the increased capital (1984 scrip issue—1 for 5)

Progress continues in specialised markets

* Considerable growth achieved in gravure printing of quality magazines, brochures and colour supplements.
* Substantial advances continue to be made in security printing and packaging.

1985 prospects

* Major magazine contracts obtained including YOU magazine, The Mail on Sunday colour supplement.
* Rights issue successfully concluded to finance major expansion programme.

Annual report available from the Secretary, Idle, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD10 8NL

Hoechst

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, 4th June 1985,

at the Jahrhunderthalle in Frankfurt am Main-Höchst, Pfaffenwiese.

Agenda

1. Presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts of Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft for 1984, with the Report of the Supervisory Board, and the Consolidated Report and Accounts for 1984.
2. Allocation of the profit available for dividend.
   It is proposed to pay a dividend of DM 9.— per share of DM 50.— nominal for the financial year 1984.
3. Ratification of the actions of the Board of Management for 1984.
4. Ratification of the actions of the Supervisory Board for 1984.
5. Election to the Supervisory Board.
6. Election of auditors for the financial year 1985.

The full agenda, including the proposed resolutions, is contained in the Bundesanzeiger no. 79 of 26th April, 1985.

Shareholders wishing to be present and to vote at the Meeting must comply with Article 14 of the Articles of Association and deposit their share certificates during usual business hours by Thursday, 30th May 1985, at the latest until after the Meeting, at one of the depositories listed in the Bundesanzeiger no. 79 of 26th April 1985, or, in the United Kingdom, at the offices of

S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd.
33, King William Street
London EC4R 9AS

Frankfurt am Main, April 1985

Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft

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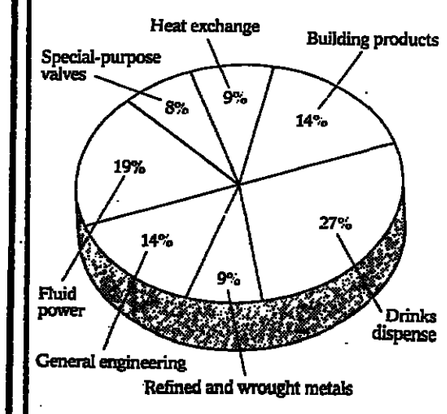
Profits double in two years

Sir Robert Clark, Chairman, reports that the Company's progress continued in 1984 with turnover and profits reaching new high levels.

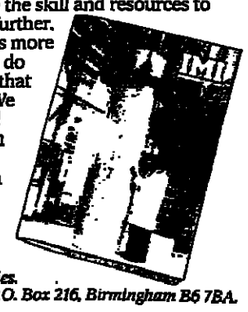
"Our pre-tax profit, which fell by 40 per cent. between 1979 and 1982, has now more than doubled over a two-year period. Whilst this does little more than restore our return on assets to the levels of 1978 and 1979, and indeed to the rate necessary to sustain a healthy and expanding business, it is nonetheless an achievement worthy of note. I hope that shareholders will now echo my pleasure in recommending that the dividend should be restored to the 1981 level of 4.5p."

Summary of Results	1984 £m	1983 £m
Turnover	737.9	676.3
Trading profit	52.6	41.6
Profit before taxation	45.1	31.6
Earnings applicable to shareholders (excluding extraordinary items)	28.9	19.4
Earnings per share (excluding extraordinary items)	10.7p	7.2p
Dividend per share	4.5p	4.0p

Percentage profit by product area



Sir Robert emphasises the need to ensure that the hard lessons learned in the years of depression are not forgotten in the Company's continuing search for efficiency, growth and balance – "... balance between home and overseas operations and between our traditional and newer activities. I believe that in reducing our dependence on low added value metal working in the UK we have made necessary and valuable progress towards safeguarding and improving the quality of our earnings. We have the skill and resources to take this process further, but in my view it is more important that we do this soundly than that we do it quickly. We shall seek to avoid both specialisation that is too narrow and diversification that is too wide."



IMI means more than metal

The Annual Report has a comprehensive survey of IMI's activities. If you would like a copy please write to the Secretary, IMI plc, P.O. Box 216, Birmingham B6 7BA.

WINGATE PROPERTY INVESTMENTS plc

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

	Year to 31.12.84 £000's	Year to 31.12.83 £000's
Rental income	2,166	1,963
Profit after taxation	549	499
Earnings per share	4.02p	3.79p
Dividends per share	1.70p	1.50p
Net assets per share	128.36p	119.59p

Since the year-end the Group's freehold interest of 42% in the prestigious office building, Camperdown House, London, has been sold for £6.2 million cash.

Wingate Property Investments plc, 6 Hobart Place, London SW1W 0HU

MARLBOROUGH PROPERTY HOLDINGS p.l.c.

Results for year ended 31 December	1984 £000	1983 £000
Turnover:		
Gross rents receivable	888	589
Sales of trading properties	3,533	890
	4,421	1,479
Dividend per share	.55p	.5p
Retained profit for the year	355	295

The Company's build-up of investment income is indicated by an increase in rental income of over £300,000 on the previous year, and continues with the expectation of exceeding £1,000,000 in total for 1985.

Copies of the report and accounts can be obtained from the Secretary, Lancaster House, Churchfield Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey KT12 2TY.

THE TIMES Portfolio

From your Portfolio card check your eight share price movements. Add them up to give you your overall total. Check this against the daily dividend figure published on this page.
If it matches you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card.
You must always have your card available when claiming.

No.	Company	Your gain or loss
	INDUSTRIALS L–R	
1	Marling	
2	Lilleshall	
3	Low & Bonar	
4	Redfearn Glass	
5	LCP	
6	Rupner	
7	Locker (T)	
8	Patelhs (Gt Bridge)	
9	LRC	
10	McKechnie	
	DRAPERY AND STORES	
11	House of Fraser	
12	Owen Owen	
13	Habitat Mothercare	
14	Dunhill	
15	Courtaul	
16	Debenhams	
17	Goldsmiths Gp	
18	Peters Stores	
19	Bentalls	
20	Munroe (John)	
	INDUSTRIALS A–D	
21	Diploma	
22	Beecholl	
23	Aurora	
24	BOC	
25	Ovall	
26	AGB Research	
27	Cookson	
28	BET Did	
29	Dufay Bunmase	
30	Bridon	
	PROPERTY	
31	Warnes	
32	MEPC	
33	Bilton (P)	
34	Markheath	
35	Peaches	
36	Control Secs	
37	Speyhawk	
38	Grevcoat City	
39	Tea & Pres Shop	
40	Haldemore	
41	Times Newspapers Limited Your Daily Total	

Weekly Dividend
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £40,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Market dull

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began April 15. Dealings End, Today. § Contango Day, April 29. Settlement Day, May 7.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

THE TIMES Portfolio
DAILY DIVIDEND
£2,000
Claims required for
+35 points
Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BUILDING AND ROADS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Dn	Yld %	P/E
232	180	Aberdeen Constr	199		15.4	5.2	9.1
280	226	Amec	266		15.7	5.6	7.9
58	34	Arrocrite	45		01	0.5	27.0
111	85	Ashwoods	102		5.09	4.9	20.9
280	233	BPB Industries	266		10.4	3.9	8.8
291	204	Baggeridge Brick	286		8.6	3.0	11.5
94	78	Barfair Dirwy	78		10.8	13.8	6.3
34	29	Bellway(Ben) Constr	32		3.1	9.7	6.2
		Beechwood					
135	113	Bellway	125		10.8	8.6	8.4
70	61	Benford Concrete	64		5.4	8.4	27.8
64	51	Bett Bros	61		4.4	7.0	9.4
568	345	Blackburn	368		30.6	8.3	9.8
184	154	Blue Circle	178		15.6	8.8	8.8
214	184	Bredero&Cloud Hld	204		9.4	4.6	9.8
		Brickhouse Dudley					
77	58	Br Dredging	77		3.6	5.8	10.6
14	10	Brown&Jackson	12				
77	68	Brownlee	72		4.2	7.2	7.6
77	68	Bryant	72		4.4	6.2	7.9
125	95	Bulliard & Hallam	125		6.5	6.4	7.8
168	145	Calebread Robey	168		4.5	2.8	21.2
580	530	Carr (J) Doncaster	580		21.5	5.5	6.8
280	240	Cementation	280		16.5	7.3	8.1
		Cement-Roadstone					
116	95	Comber Ins	116		7.2	8.1	6.7
280	236	Costain	264		20.0	5.5	6.7
94	80	Countryside	92		7.2	8.1	6.7
80	67	Crouch (Derek)	80		7.7	8.4	20.1
		Crouch Group					
98	88	Dow (George)	98		6.1	10.4	6.1
259	219	Douglas (FM)	259		25.9	5.1	36.0
91	81	Erith	91		4.3	7.3	10.7
116		Feb	116		3.5	5.5	12.5
		Do 'A'			3.5	4.2	10.3
98	80	Finlan (John)	91		6.1	8.4	6.5
136	117	French Kier	129		6.1	5.4	10.7
71	65	Galliford	65		6.1	8.4	10.7
115	105	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	115		5.5	5.1	10.7
238	214	Grayson (AG)	238		12.3	5.4	6.5
171		HAT	171		4.9	5.5	10.1
44		Halcrat Bar					
44		Hawden-Stuart					
152	114	Heywood Williams	146		8.5	5.8	7.9
359	291	Higgs & Hill	330		17.6	5.3	7.8
186	155	IDC	186		16.7	8.7	10.4
338	288	Ibstock Johnsen	314		21.0	6.7	10.3
338	288	Jarvis (J) & Sons	318		23.0	7.9	10.3
288	238	Laing (J)	288		8.6	4.2	8.6
288	238	Do 'A'	288		8.6	4.2	8.6
71	61	Lawrence (Walter)	71		5.2	5.4	6.7
214	198	Lilley (F.J.C)	214		8.6	4.2	10.3
134	104	Lovell (Y.J)	134		6.6	5.2	8.6
238	198	Magnet & Southn	238		10.7	5.3	10.3
238	198	Manders	238		10.7	5.3	10.3
238	198	Marshalls (Halifax)	238		11.4	4.8	8.2
89	69	May & Hassell	89		6.6	6.9	6.6
244	194	McAlpine (Alfred)	244		10.7	4.4	10.7
122	112	Meyer Int	122		7.9	5.7	8.4
		Miller (Stanley)					
114	104	Monk (A)	114		6.6	5.1	8.3
199	169	Mowlem (John)	199		8.6	5.2	8.7
610	568	Newarthill	610		16.7	2.6	9.3
165	145	Nottingham Brick	145		7.1	4.9	13.5
128	104	Pearce (CH) Sons	128		9.3	7.3	14.4
134	124	Pearce Timber	134		6.6	5.1	8.3
199	169	Perkins	199		17.0	8.6	4.2
238	198	RMC	238		18.5	5.1	8.6
226	196	Redland	226		18.6	8.6	11.1
195	165	Roberts Adland	195		8.6	5.2	8.6
238	198	Rowlinson Secs	238		10.7	5.3	10.3
183	153	Rutland	183		11.1	5.6	16.1
155	135	Rugby Cement	155		8.6	5.1	8.6
71	62	SGB	71		3.2	4.5	9.7
82	62	Sharpe & Fisher	77		3.2	4.5	9.7
355	295	Stewart (J)	355		16.6	4.6	11.3
294	254	Tarmac	294		20.0	6.8	10.2
416	353	Taylor Woodrow	416		21.4	5.1	11.8
134	116	Tilbury Group	128		6.9	5.7	8.6
288	226	Travis & Arnold	243		11.3	4.7	7.9
345	276	Tarmac	345		19.0	5.5	7.1
191	139	Tarmac	185		4.3p	2.3	13.7
195	155	Tilbury	155		12.8p	8.1	10.6
238	198	Wand	238		8.4	3.7	10.6
89	63	Warrington (T)	70		8.6	12.5	6.6
248	208	Watts Blake	241		7.0	2.9	18.1
98	88	Wilkins Bros	98				12.7
172	144	Wimpey	168		4.3	2.5	8.4
123	97	Wilson (Connolly)	116		4.4	4.8	8.4
		Wimpey (George)	110				

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Dn	Yld %	P/E
238	34½	AKZO N/V Bearer	227		400	14.7	
238	215	Allied Colloids	238		20.0	7.5	25.5
270	171	Amersham	270		7.8	2.9	29.5
69	53	Anchor Chemical	69		3.6	5.2	8.8
68	53	Arrow Chemical	57		2.7	4.8	11.6
65½	51½	Bayer DM50	65½		700	12.4	
112	104	Blagden	112		10.2p	9.2	6.6
138	118	Bowtr Chems	138		5.9	4.1	18.3
14½	9½	Br Benzol	14½				
78	70	Br Tar Products	78		5.0	6.4	14.1
98	84	Canning (W)	98		5.0	5.1	6.4
238	224	Coalite	238		8.4	3.5	10.5
165	154	Coates Bros	165		6.6	4.0	7.4
		Do 'A'					
134	103	Cory (Horace)	134		4.7	3.5	8.1
138	128	Croda	138		6.6	4.8	8.5
		Do Dfd					
238	198	Elliot & Everard	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
98	88	Halstead (James)	98		5.4	5.5	6.8
88	68	Hickson	88		4.3	4.9	10.5
263	238	Hoechst DM50	263		12.2p	4.6	8.2
238	198	Holliden Inc	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
134	111	Laporte	134		12.5	9.3	7.5
238	212	Leigh	238		10.7	4.5	17.0
238	198	Ryjac	238		4.1	1.7	16.5
177	155	Mansfield	177		11.1	6.3	24.1
94	84	SNIA BPD	94		2.5	2.6	11.5
102	82	Stewart Plastic	102				
		Wolstenholme Rink					
88	82	Yorkshire Chem	88		3.5	3.8	11.5

CINEMAS AND TV

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Dn	Yld %	P/E
134	128	Anglia TV 'A'	134		11.4	8.5	9.3
94	84	Grampian	88		8.6	7.5	8.7
145	118	HTV N/V	145		10.9	8.0	8.0
220	218	LWT 'A'	218		20.5	9.2	8.6
135	135	Scot TV 'A'	135		12.5	9.3	8.6
113	110	TVS N/V	113		10.5	9.3	8.6
23	23	TSW	23		2.2	9.6	8.6

DRAPERY AND STORES

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Dn	Yld %	P/E
445	358	ASR	445		18.4	3.4	9.5
183	153	Aquascutum 'A'	183		8.6	4.7	8.5
183	153	Baxtile (James) 'A'	183		8.6	4.7	8.5
		Bejam					
238	198	Brenner	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Br Home Stores	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Brown (N)	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Burton	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Caird (A) 65ms	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Carsons 'A'	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Clubfoot (S)	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Church	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Combined English	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Cowes (Fum) 'A'	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Dawson Int	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Dewhirst (J)	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Dixons	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Dunhill	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Ellis & Goldstein	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Elys (Wimbledon)	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Empire Stores	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Etam	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Executive Clothes	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Fine Art Dev	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Fogarty (Martin)	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Formfitter	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Foster Bros	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Freeman	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Galt (A.G)	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Goldberg (A)	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Goldstein Co	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Gratton	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Green(Rels Blacks	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Gus	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Do 'A'	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Halford Mothercare	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Harrison Fraser	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Helena Of London	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Hepworth (J)	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Hide	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Home Charm	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	House Of Fraser	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	House Of Lerose	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Jones (Ernest)	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Ladies Pride	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Lee Cooper	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Liberty	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Lincroft Kilgour	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Marks & Spencer	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Mercados (Jons)	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	MFI	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Millets Leisure	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Moss Bros	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	NSS Newsagents	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Oliver (G)	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Owen Owen	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Peters Stores	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Prince Of Wales	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Ratners (Jewellers)	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Raybeck	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Reckitt	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Read (Austin)	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Do 'A'	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	S.U.U Stores	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Samuel (H)	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Do 'A'	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Sears	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Sellincourt	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Simpson (B) 'A'	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Smith (WH) 'A'	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Do 'B'	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Stanley (AG)	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Stirkland	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Supermarket Stores	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Supreme Secs	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Terry-Costumes	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Thos Products	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Vanzons Vivella	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	WW Group	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Ward White	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Waring & Gillow	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Whittall (Henry)	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Wickwork	238		10.7	4.5	8.2

ELECTRICALS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Dn	Yld %	P/E
427	285	AB Elect	426		8.3p	2.2	18.8
94	84	Amplrad	94		1.1	1.5	19.2
238	198	Arlen Elec	238		8.6	6.6	14.9
238	198	Atlantic Comp	238				
238	198	Audio Fidelity	238		8.6	6.6	14.9
238	198	Audio Sec	238				
238	198	BICC	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	BSR	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Bowthorpe	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Br Telecom 86p P	238		10.7	4.5	8.2
238	198	Brown Boveri Kent	238		10.7	4.5	8.2

BREWERIES

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Dn	Yld %	P/E
190	153	Allied-Lyons	175	-1	10.8	6.7	10.3
411	322	Bass	382	-7	18.4	5.5	11.7
71	61	Brit(Arthur)	71		3.5	5.4	11.1
71	61	Brkhaven	65		3.5	5.4	10.6
71	61	Bod&Hptons	71		4.1	5.8	11.1
71	61	Brown (Matthew)	71		4.1	5.8	11.1
450	380	Bulmer (H P)	450		7.0	1.6	5.8
450	380	Clark (Matthew)	450		18.6	5.5	14.8
186	154	Devenish (J A)	186		10.4	5.6	17.0
73	63	Dr Pierre	73		10.3	7.0	7.3
378	318	Fombuna Barton	378		10.9	3.0	11.7
185	155	Grenall Whitley	185		8.4	5.1	11.7
156	126	Greene King	156		8.4	4.1	12.8
238	198	Ind Coope (A)	238		9.2	3.8	10.5
352	295	Hardys & Hansons	352		21.3	6.1	16.5
165	135	Highland Dist	165		9.1	4.6	16.5
238	198	Invergordon Dist	238		9.1	4.6	9.2
238	198	Irish Dist	238		9.1	4.6	
238	198	Morrison Thomson	238		8.5	4.6	14.6
238	198	Moreland	238		8.2	4.3	11.7
315	315	SA Breweries	315				
131	131	Scot & Nwc	131		8.4p	6.4	6.5
238	198	Shepherd	238				
573	573	Vaux	573		14.4	6.3	11.9
238	198	Whitbread 'A'	238		9.2	4.5	10.7
238	198	Do 'B'	238		9.2	4.5	10.5
172	172	Wolverhampton Iw	172		8.6	5.0	8.6
238	198	Worthington & D	238		10.3	4.5	15.2
238	198	Young 'A'	238		8.6	4.2	16.4

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Dn	Yld %	P/E
98	88	Allied Irish	98		9.0	8.2	10.7
		Antrobus (Henry)			5.6p	10.8	
288	218	Bk Scot 2	288		29.0	10.8	
615½	615½	Bk Of Ireland	615½				
615	615	Bk Of Ireland	615		17.0b	7.2	
615½	615½	Bank Leumi Israel	615½				
238	238	Bank Leumi UK	238		14.5	6.1	15.6
402	402	Bank Of Scotland	402		24.1	6.0	15.6
344	344	Barclays	344		21.1	6.1	15.6
238	238	Brown Shipley	238		12.1	5.1	15.6
415	415	Cater Allen	415		25.1	6.1	15.6
238	238	Gerrins	238		8.7	3.7	15.6
238	238	Ghse Manhatan	238		14.5	6.1	15.6
238	238	Gtbrndg	238		8.1	3.5	11.8
238	238	Hill Samuel	238				
238	238	Lloyds Bank Wales	238				
238	238	Commercials	238		8.6	3.1	
238	238	Deutsche Bank	238		12.0	5.7	
238	238	First Nat Finance	238				6.5

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1985 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. Gross %	Int. Red %	Grow Red Yld %
99 17	95 73	Treas	97⅛	1985	99.23		5.923 14.362
100 28	96 13	Treas	99⅛	1985	99.73	+0.01	11.581 12.561
102	98	Treas C	99⅛	1985	99⅞		8.868 12.536
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103	98	Treas	97⅛	1988	98⅞		10.693 11.439
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1988	98⅞		11.464 11.379
103	98	Treas C	97⅛	1988	98⅞		10.193 11.400
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1988	98⅞		3.799 8.817
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1988	98⅞		10.539 11.460
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103	98	Treas	97⅛	1988	98⅞		11.176 11.455
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1986-88	98⅞		6.980 11.284
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1990	98⅞		12.259 11.284
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1990	98⅞		11.175 11.413
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1990	98⅞		11.998 11.350

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

1985 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. Gross %	Int. Red %	Grow Red Yld %
99	86	Treas	87⅛	1987-90	99.5		9.229 11.996
102	98	Treas C	99⅛	1990	98⅞		10.559 11.408
102	98	Treas	99⅛	1991	98⅞		11.624 11.475
102	98	Treas	97⅛	1987-91	98⅞		6.997 9.743
103	98	Treas	99⅛	1991	98⅞		11.158 11.392
103	98	Treas C	99⅛	1991	98⅞		10.693 11.386
103	98	Treas	99⅛	1992	98⅞		10.808 11.388
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103	98	Treas	99⅛	1992	98⅞		12.332 11.437
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1993	98⅞		11.834 11.427
103	98	Treas	99⅛	1993	98⅞		7.662 9.853
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1993	98⅞		12.228 11.418
103	98	Treas	99⅛	1994	98⅞		12.119 11.500
103	98	Treas	99⅛	1994	98⅞		12.158 11.500
103	98	Treas	99⅛	1994	98⅞		11.798 11.444
103	98	Treas	99⅛	1994	98⅞		10.211 11.436
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1995	98⅞		11.826 11.450
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1990-95	98⅞		4.485 7.966
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1995	98⅞		10.938 11.384
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1995	98⅞		11.728 11.388
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1995	98⅞		12.119 11.446
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1995-98	98⅞		10.275 10.979
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1996	98⅞		12.358 11.456
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1996	98⅞		11.767 11.378
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1996	98⅞		11.746 11.437
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1997	98⅞		10.977 11.166
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1997	98⅞		10.248 10.951
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1997	98⅞		12.181 11.462
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1997	98⅞		10.672 11.014
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1995-97	98⅞		8.283 10.978
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1997	98⅞		12.111 11.374
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1997	98⅞		11.342 11.160
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1997	98⅞		10.512 10.862
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1998	98⅞		11.347 11.160
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1998	98⅞		10.855 10.797
103	98	Conv	97⅛	1999	98⅞		10.778 10.828

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

1985 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. Gross %	Int. Red %	Grow Red Yld %
110½	103½	Treas	105½	2016	110		11.494 11.078
124	103	Treas	103½	1998-01	117⅛		11.865 11.978
103	98	Treas	99⅛	2001	98⅞		10.541 10.736
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1978-82	98⅞		11.284 11.286
103	98	Treas	97⅛	2006	98⅞		10.699 11.286
103	98	Treas	97⅛	2006-09	98⅞		11.536 11.111
103	98	Treas	97⅛	2001-04	98⅞		10.934 10.808
103	98	Treas	97⅛	1998-04	98⅞		7.165 9.273
103	98	Treas	97⅛	2004	98⅞		10.466 10.808
103	98	Treas	97⅛	2005	98⅞		10.575 10.577
103	98	Treas	97⅛	2003-05	98⅞

INDUSTRY TODAY

Fantasy behind the export hopes for a British PWR

One reason why the Government has backed a change in the nuclear power programme from British advanced gas-cooled reactors (AGR) to the American Westinghouse-designed pressurized water reactor (PWR) is the potential for building an export industry for nuclear power plants, which Britain has so far failed to do. In a personal view, Sel Ghalib, formerly managing director of The Nuclear Power Group, argues that this hope is misconceived.

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One projection of Western nuclear plant capacity

	Projected capacity by year 2000 ('000 megawatts)	Capacity not yet under construction
Countries with own reactor industry		
Belgium	8	2.6
Brazil	4.4	1.2
Canada	15.6	2.4
France	61.4	9.1
India	4.4	2.9
Italy	6.7	3.9
Japan	47.6	16.3
Spain	10.2	2.9
Sweden	9.4	–
Switzerland	3.4	0.9
UK	13.6	4.4
US	109.1	–
Countries with existing ties		
Argentina	3.0	1.4
Finland	3.2	1.0
Taiwan	8.7	3.8
Yugoslavia	2.6	2.0
Open Markets		
Egypt	2.7	2.7
South Korea	11.2	3.0
Mexico	1.3	–
Netherlands	0.5	–
Pakistan	1.1	0.9
South Africa	2.8	1.0

Statistical source: Nukem Market report August 1984

PWR orders to end 1983

Westinghouse (US)	91
Framatome (France)	59
Kraftwerk Union (Germany)*	34
Combustion Engineering (US)	18
Mitsubishi (Japan)	14
NNC (Britain)	–

*Includes some boiling water reactors
Source: Kidder Peabody & Co.

Ireland, Kuwait, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand and United Arab Emirates. In due course such countries will be able to accommodate AGR-sized 600 megawatt units long before their system could accept 1100 megawatt units.

Competition for the potential export market of some 10,000 megawatts will be extremely keen, and will come from reactor companies which have built many PWR stations.

The prospects of the NNC securing a significant share of this market with a PWR must be minimal. Export prospects cannot, therefore, be a serious consideration in the reactor choice for the home market. But even if the export market was large, has the corporation the right financial and organizational structure to seek a share of this market?

A prerequisite of obtaining overseas contracts is the need to give guarantees for performance. The NNC, since it was formed in 1975, has not given even the British generation boards such guarantees. Until there is a radical change in its policy and its shareholders are prepared to increase the risk capital to about £80 million-£100 million the NNC could not begin to compete for overseas contracts.

Also, the corporation no longer has the necessary organizational structure to undertake turnkey contracts for the whole station or the nuclear island. Because it shoulders the risks, the Central Electricity Generating Board, in order to protect its own interests, has taken control of the Sizewell project. The result has inevitably been the emasculation of the NNC.

Some 160 of its staff has been transferred to a project team located in Knutsford under the CEGB's direct control, to work alongside an equal number of the board's staff transferred from Gloucestershire.

The remainder of the NNC staff, the most highly-trained elite in the company, and in whom reactor expertise rested in the past, will no longer be able to lead in design and development, as the CEGB has reserved the reactor design and supply contract for Westinghouse.

With its present structure, the NNC would not have credibility in the eyes of overseas utilities as a strong, independent contractor to be entrusted with reactor design or project management.

To counter these problems a joint venture is likely to be formed between Westinghouse and the NNC, Westinghouse initially holding 90 per cent of the shares, but reducing with each successive British PWR order, to a minority after about six orders. A rosy future has been painted for the NNC and British manufacturers in the overseas markets under the umbrella of the joint venture.

While Westinghouse dominates the joint venture, it may well decide not to compete from its American base for overseas contracts.

However, when it comes to purchasing plant, for overseas contracts, Westinghouse would naturally want to supply the key components of the reactor from its own factories in the US, and it would want to buy non-vital components at the lowest price.

It is then that British manufacturers would feel the full force of competition from the established suppliers in other countries where there is already massive overcapacity for manufacturing PWRs.

When the Westinghouse holding reduces to a minority it is not clear why it would not compete with the British-based joint venture from its American base.

A seminar held in London in February on the Cocom (Co-ordinating Committee for Multilateral Controls) regulations highlighted a problem. Regulations published on December 31 last year are seeking to increase US claims over the rights of other countries, through the Export Administration Act, which states that all US processes, products, information and know how must have a US Government licence before they can be exported, re-exported or even moved within another country.

Could we export our own technology, the AGR? Certainly not while the main generating board is intent on introducing PWR.

The Nuclear Power Group, the earlier consortium that built the Hinkley and Hunterston AGRs, found that even in the early 1970s there was interest in the AGR overseas because of its intrinsic safety features. One of the utilities in Japan, commissioned the group to adapt the Hinkley design for Japanese earthquake conditions, and to submit a formal offer.

The group, with its Japanese licensee, Fuji Electric, came very close to obtaining a contract, but when the CEGB first announced its interest in light water reactors, the Japanese utility lost all interest.

At the time there were no AGR stations in operation. Now that the Hinkley and Hunterston stations are working so well, and the construction of Heysham II and Torness stations are on programme, it should be easier to sell AGRs, particularly after the Three Mile Island incident, but it would be essential for the British generating boards to be fully committed to it.

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TSB	13%
Williams & Glyn's	13%
Citibank NA	12½%

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Total Assets	US $	14,348 million
Profit before Tax	US $	277 million
Capital/Assets Ratio		exceeds 7%
Branches and Offices in		70 Countries

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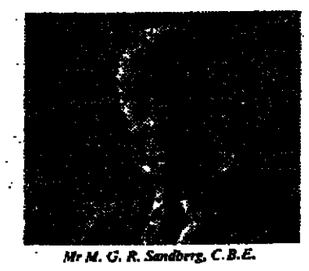
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Barbados	Gibraltar	Lebanon	Pakistan	Togo
Botswana	Grand Cayman	Liberia	Panama	Turkey
Brazil	Hong Kong	Luxembourg	Paraguay	UAE
Cameroon	India	Macau	Philippines	United Kingdom
Canada	Indonesia	Malaysia	Portugal	Uruguay
China	Isle of Man	Maldives	Senegal	USA
Colombia	Italy	Mauritius	Seychelles	Venezuela
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The British Bank of the Middle East

"Maintained steady growth"

– M. G. R. Sandberg, C.B.E., Chairman


Mr M. G. R. Sandberg, C.B.E.

Financial Highlights	1984 £000s	1983 £000s
Share Capital and Reserves	152,927	111,353
Profit for the year after taxation	28,855	22,353
Dividend Paid	15,000	13,387
Special Dividend Paid	—	2,363
Total Assets	2,305,491	1,765,233

The Bank maintained steady growth and entered into a period of consolidation during 1984.

The Bank's consolidated after-tax published profits rose to £28,855,000 compared with £22,353,000 for 1983. The dividend paid to the parent company, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, was £15,000,000 (1983: £13,387,000 plus a special dividend of £2,363,000). The consolidated capital and reserve accounts now total £152,927,000 compared to £111,353,000 at 31 December 1983.

In the economies of many Middle East countries, OPEC's oil-pricing crisis during 1984 had a serious knock-on effect – national development plans were cut back, payments and cash flows slowed, and property markets became depressed.

Local investors' confidence and private sector investment has slackened – nevertheless, several oil-producing countries have made remarkable progress in diversifying their economies to reduce their dependence on oil.

- The British Bank of the Middle East re-affirmed its traditional role as a financier of foreign trade in the Middle East, and in countries such as Oman rationalised and streamlined its operations.
- The Bank's policy of upgrading its technology, and introducing new services, continued. During 1984, a Private Banking Department was established in Dubai, and the networks of automated teller machines were expanded.
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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Rosy picture for stained glass sales

By Derek Harris

Just over eight years ago Charles Clark was managing director of James Clark and Eaton, an east London glass company which had a subsidiary, Goddard and Gibbs, which crafted stained glass panels and windows.

The subsidiary was not doing too well. "It was bumping along the bottom," said Mr Clark. He himself was not doing so well, either. He had just had a back operation and agreed to take a step sideways, taking on Goddard and Gibbs. But he got hooked on the stained-glass business which cannot be automated when every piece is hand-crafted and individually designed.

At the start of 1978 he bought a controlling interest in the stained-glass subsidiary, with an option to buy the balance later, from Clark and Eaton. The connection with Clark and Eaton had been completely severed by the time that company was taken over two years ago by Solar Glass.

Mr Clark admits: "It was a gamble. I had to borrow – and mortgage the house. There were no consistent profits." Goddard and Gibbs was doing a lot of ecclesiastical work in Britain and its fortunes ebbed and flowed with the contracts available.

The British market is also growing

Mr Clark decided to go to the Middle East and start selling stained glass there to give the London works a more assured production flow. He said: "The Middle East was hard work. Then it was necessary to explain what stained glass was. It meant being out there three to four months of the year."

The effort paid off. Now three-quarters of the company's business is in exports. One of the first Middle East contracts was for an atrium decoration at the Dubai Ramada hotel, which was 135ft high and 50ft wide. One contract now being worked on is for 48 large stained-glass windows for a memorial mosque in Saudi Arabia. Last year the company got a Queen's award for exports.

Now Mr Clark intends expanding into the Far East market; agents have been appointed in Singapore and a marketing drive started in Hongkong.

The British market is now also growing. Mr Clark said: "The old staid image of stained glass is going. It is amazing where you can use it because it is so versatile." It can be found in hotels and restaurants and in office and other buildings, although the demand for restoration work as in listed buildings is still strong.

Goddard and Gibbs also has a subsidiary bringing in stained glass mainly from the US, which is largely sold to craftworkers but which is now also being offered to what promises to be a growing DIY market. The company has a London shop as well as one at Bristol and may open more, with craft lessons on offer in London for those keen to master the stained-glass craft.

The best stained glass is English made, mostly hand-blown, according to Mr Clark. For its contract work, his company uses the products of Hartley Wood, a subsidiary of the Pilkington group which is considered a world leader in quality stained glass.

Mr Clark says it has been a seven-day-a-week job but growth has been sustained; turnover has risen from £160,000 in 1976 to £1.2 million. Staff has almost doubled to 45, three-quarters of them craftsmen.

In his first year, Mr Clark broke even and since then has made a profit every year except for 1981.

The company's biggest order is under negotiation, which could demand more working space. But Mr Clark says he does not want to see the company grow too big. "This is the sort of business which needs to be managed by people who know all about it," he added.

Mr Clark, who is 56, expects that eventually his managers, of which there are half a dozen, may buy him out with a trust arrangement to cater for the other employees.

Felicia Cohen



Charles Clark: 'A gamble – I had to borrow and mortgage my house'

MR FRIDAY Ken Pyne



'As usual, thank you for everything except value for money'

In Newton's footsteps . . .

BRIEFING

■ There are drawbacks to the many schemes for improving the interface between schools and industry, according to Derek Lee, headmaster of The King's School at Grantham, Lincolnshire (Derek Harris writes). They can be fragmented and lacking continuity, largely with a one-way traffic as teachers go to companies for several weeks to learn what it is all about. He welcomes this breaking-down of barriers between education and industry but believes King's – where Isaac Newton was taught – can carry the process *further and more effectively.*

The school is setting up from September a Centre for Industrial Studies as a three-year pilot scheme, its key feature being the recruitment of an industrialist to head it up. The hunt for the right person has just started and King's is looking for somebody who has a range of industrial experience to coordinate schemes of work in both academic and industrial terms.

To give students realistic experience, a company will be formed, to be run by a sixth-form team, with capital raised and products marketed."

Financial help has come from both the Department of Trade and Industry and Lincolnshire County Council. The Leverhulme Trust is funding three fellowships.

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Rugby Union: Morale and results suffering in light of bygone success, but London Welsh aspire to glory against Bath

Wales need to find a leader like Rowlands

By Gerald Davies

Clive Rowlands, one of this ar's Welsh selectors and ach to the Welsh team in the e sixties and seventies has cided that the no longer shes to be on the panel of lectors. At this critical time r the game in Wales, it is orth recollecting that it was rtly through Rowlands efforts at the Welsh team established identity between 1968 and 74.

With as sense of cameraderie, melded a bunch of talented yers into a team with spirit. is worth remembering his llity to manage his men and way he responded to the blic relations side of his post en, nowadays, such qualities, sadly lacking in the frame-rk on the national team.

It has been a joyless season Welsh rugby, not because team could oly end up in the ddle of what many con-ered to be the second ision standard of the five ions championships but ause, more disconcertingly, the many rumours of content which have arisen n within the Welsh ranks.

We are persuaded to believe t playing rugby is meant to for enjoyment. But there is le evidence emerging from Welsh squad to suggest that their case this is so. By all ounts, they are not the happy nor are they, selectors, ches and players, a band of thers, each happy to share lot with the other.

ppearance at squad training openly been grudgingly epted. Not only were there many of them, but it has all been done with unsmiling seriousness. It has been ponderously heavy going and players, not encouraged to do so within the squad, have expressed as much in private. Such tight-lipped acceptance is not good for morale, nor are the tales told out of school. An unhappy atmosphere has prevailed.

This has been overwhelmingly confirmed over the past two seasons by the increasing number of players who have called it a day at international level but who have continued to appear for their clubs. Graham Price, in the opening chapter of his autobiography, gives a scornful account of the treatment which the players received. He was the first to go, followed by Geoff Squire. Both were in the twilight of their careers but who would deny that had they been available they would still be in the Welsh team.

David Richards, the Swansea centre, took the same path as did, more surprisingly in December, the then captain of Wales, Mike Watkins. Whilst Eddie Butler departed in somewhat different circumstances, the drift continued more recently and most glaringly in the case of Gareth Davies. In these instances the players announcements seem to have been timed to cause maximum embarrassment to the Welsh Rugby Union selectors.

Squire and Price, having been selected for the squad, simply did not turn up for training; Watkins issued a statement through his solicitor. Even Butler, with a curious sense of timing, inadvertently fuelled the fire by announcing his retirement when the Welsh team was about to be announced for the third time after matches had twice been postponed.



Gareth Davies: said players were treated like children

All this had a creeping, insidious effect of impairing the good health of the game in Wales. The selectors contrived to make matters worse for themselves by appearing to bungle a few decisions. Selection is, after all, a matter of opinion which, in a group of five, can be adjusted and modified. Or, if there is no consensus it can be put to the vote. Argument there will be as to whom is the better of two stand-off halves in Wales. That is understandable and proper and the debate, especialy in Wales will not end there.

But in the last year the selectors have committed errors of judgment. Alun Davies, the Llanelli forward, was chosen to play on the flank against Australia when he had hardly recovered from pneumonia and had only played three games all season: David Waters, the Newport lock, was left out of the squad not only to be reinstated within a couple of days when Norster became unfit, but was immediately chosen for the Welsh team. Terry Holmes incredibly, was then omitted with no plausible reason given.

The final straw, which the public saw as confirmation of their grave suspicions, was the inclusion, for all the talent available, of that stranger, A N Other at stand-off half. It had come to a pretty pass that, after eight months of rugby in which the international season had been extended by three weeks, the selectors were unable to make up their minds as to who should occupy the princely position which is a nation's pride and joy.

Worse, they made everything depend on one weekend's performance. Gareth Davies, wisely, decided not to partake in such a petty and embarrassing scheme.

The selectors were immediately seen as the villains whilst Gareth Davies, in retirement, became a hero. In so doing, he echoed what Graham Price had said two years previously: that the players generally were being treated as schoolchildren, with a psychological approach of an uninspiring teacher. They said it was also an authoritarian regime. Something had gone seriously astray.

To the public this dour and grim approach seemed to be confirmed on radio and television. This was their only point of contact with those in charge of a great and much-cherished rugby tradition. The Welsh Rugby Union spokesmen were found to be lacking in warmth and vitality.

The media can often be seen as intrusive but it will not go away and sooner or later the WRU and their representatives will have to come to terms with them.

There is also a lack of communication within the squad. For many years it has been the procedure that no player, apart from the captain and any new caps, can be interviewed unless permission has been sought and granted from the WRU. This was seen as a means of protecting the players from undue pressure. In fact, some of today's players would prefer not to have such a low profile thrust upon them.

International squad training ought to be a question not so much of coaching and teaching but of man management and organization. The fact that squad members are amongst the elite of players should be enough testimony that they have the skill already. Managing men is part and parcel, too, of public relations. These matters need some urgent revision because the World Cup is only two years away and in a changing, more sophisticated rugby world the men in charge then will be a position to enhance or diminish the image of Welsh rugby. In this respect it is worth considering that the man chosen to manage the team should be chosen for his ability in man management. This could mean that he does not come from within the Welsh Rugby Union itself.

Vaughan's attention to detail uplifting for London Welsh

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

The public face of London Welsh is very much that of their senior players; Clive Rees, the captain, Kevin Bowring, the experienced number eight, Robert Ackerman, their sole current international; or those former internationals and British Lions, Geoff Evans and Mike Roberts, now chairman of selectors and first team fixtures secretary respectively.

However, when the Welsh, in their first final, play Bath for the John Player Special Cup at Twickenham tomorrow John Vaughan, the first-team coach, will have taken responsibility for the fine detail in their preparation. At a time when the game's leading coaches are being projected at least as much as some players, Vaughan remains in the shadows – at least beyond the confines of Old Deer Park.

Vaughan, aged 37, spans the era between the great London Welsh teams of the early 70s, led by John Dawes, and the current team. The reputation of Dawes's men has had a stifling effect on those who came after – how do you follow Gerald and Mervyn Davies, John Taylor, J P R Williams, and the rest? Vaughan played number eight alongside Taylor and another international, Tony Gray, but he has had to wait until now for a comparable team – comparable in the sense of developing its own identity – to emerge.

"We are stronger now than for many years in one particular area and that is half back," Vaughan, the head of physical education at Reading School, says. "Our success this season is almost as simple as that. Mark Douglas and Colyn Price have added a link between forwards and backs, and for a relatively young player Price is very mature and decisive. In the semi-final against Coventry, I can only remember him making two wrong decisions in the whole game".

The other important area where the Welsh side have increased stability is the back row where Bowring flits, on either side of him, two young, tall and very quick flankers in Stuart Russell and Matthew Watkins. Vaughan judges Russell to be a player of international potential; at 20, he still has much to learn, but already he is a member of the Welsh B Squad.

The middle five, Vaughan believes, is where tomorrow's final will be won and lost – that is the back row, half back region. But the Welsh hope to keep the ball on the move: "I have the utmost respect for Bath, and for Jack Rowell, their coach", Vaughan says. "It would be folly for us to try and play a physical game; we haven't the bulk. But all the players love to run with the ball.

"We can win our share of first-phase possession, sure, but our job is to get round the park and win second-phase ball. Both our centres, Fouhy and Ackerman like to go for the half gap rather than running at opposition. Fouhy, in particular, likes to try and go outside, use his hand off and give the other players something to feed off."

Vaughan acknowledges the luck which has attended the Welsh this season, particularly in winning the cup game at Nottingham. But the organization behind the club as they build towards their centenary next season has contributed substantially to tomorrow's final. Vaughan, himself, is the tip of an experienced club coaching structure which has done so much to identify the talent available.

A product of the old St Luke's College at Exeter, the high days of Vaughan's career were confined to winning the Middlesex Sevens and leading the Southern Counties against the 1972-73 New Zealanders. Now, though he has the reputation at Old Deer Park of a relaxed, unruffled personality, another high day is beginning to disturb even his calm. A win tomorrow would be the ideal way to enter the 100th season of London Welsh Rugby, and would be an achievement which would outstrip even Dawes's team.

Successful US tour by English schools

Schools rugby by Mike Stevenson

As their seniors' fortunes have declined, so England's 18 Group have improved; they finished the season with a good win over Wales after beating Scotland convincingly at Fylde, though it would be unrealistic to praise the current side too enthusiastically.

Perhaps their performance is representative of English schools rugby generally. There was no spectacularly outstanding side this winter to compare with **Sedbergh** or **Millfield** last season.

The keenness and viguour are there, however, and this is manifest in the remarkable number of tours undertaken **Trinity School, Croydon** recently returned from California, where the hospitality was generous and the rugby more taxing than the scorelines might suggest.

Ian Cheyne, master in charge, seems certain that rugby is a growing activity in the area and reports that, in the East Bay area, eight teams flourishing last season have grown this year to 30.

Trinity competed in five matches and a sevens tournament. They beat **Willow Glen HS** 57-0, **Burlingame HS** 8-4, **Berkeley HS** 7-0 **Davies HS** 40-0 and **Harvard HS** 35-6. The only match lost was the final of the sevens tournament. **Burlingame HS**, probably the strongest side in the United States, beat them 16-4. **Bradford GS** also competed in the tournament, but were unbeaten in their other five matches on tour.

Rydals ambitious tour of United States and Canada was also a great success. The only match they lost (15-18) was against an **Ontario District** side that had recently returned from touring the British Isles, where they met other representative sides and acquitted themselves creditably.

Apparently obsessed with the number 28, Rydal's other results (all wins) were: v **St Frances Prep**, New York, 19-8, v **Brookline HS** Boston 28-6, v **Marshfield HS** 28-0, v **Northern Secondary School**, Toronto 28-0, and v **Henry Street HS**, Ontario 28-0.

Hull University will again be hosting a schools tournament in September. Six hundred players competed last year and 19 of the 24 schools invited are keen to return on September 15 and 16. There are four or five places still available.

News to hand of **Bristol Colts'** superb showing as three-quarters of the present Bristol first and second teams are ex-colts, it is not surprising to learn that they have only lost six games since 1981. They have twice scored 1,000 points a season and their overall record during that period is: 3,092 points scored: 575 points conceded.

Wembley nerves in Parramatta

Hull cash in on the rise of Sterling

RUGBY LEAGUE DIARY
Keith Macklin

Nearly everyone in the Sydney suburb of Parramatta will be rising early on the morning of Saturday May 4 to watch on television a major sporting event taking place 14,000 miles away in London.

The event is the Challenge Cup final between Wigan and Hull at Wembley, and the people of Parramatta will be torn in their loyalties. Three Parramatta lads will be playing: the scrum-half, Peter Sterling, and the second-row forward, John Muggleton for Hull, and the stand-off half, Brett Kenny, for Wigan.

For Sterling, who is universally recognized as the world's best, the Wembley final is the fulfilment of an ambition. The Queenslander, aged 24, and with long, blond hair, has won every major honour in Australia, including three premierships with Parramatta, and played a key role in Australia's unbeaten 1982 tour of Britain.

With no more peaks to conquer in his native land, he set his sights on the biggest remaining honour in rugby league, a winner's medal at Wembley.

Sterling admits he is a lucky man and born winner; his profession is his pleasure. He is that rarity in rugby league, a full-time professional. He plays the game in Australia and in Britain, has a couple of syndicated newspaper columns back home and runs a sports shop in Sydney.

He was born in the Queensland mountain city of Toowoomba and graduated from Brisbane rugby league to the big league, the Sydney competition. His ceaseless energy around the scrum, his courage and pugnacity, and his capacity to turn a game with one break or pass, made him Australia's No 1 choice at half back on the 1982 tour.

"I had a wonderful tour," he says. "Of course you do enjoy it when you win everything, but the English crowds gave us a great welcome, and I knew I would come back."

The enterprising Hull club gave him his chance, with a handsome offer that brought him to Humberside for December and January last season.

Sterling enjoyed his spell at the Boulevard, producing his repertoire in front of those vociferous and demanding 10,000 to 15,000 crowds. Hull saw enough of his tireless grafting and moments of inspiration to want him back. So this year he came to Humberside for a full season.

He has won man of the match awards relentlessly, steered Hull to victory in the Yorkshire Cup, and has now helped to drive them all the way to Wembley, where Hull have never won.

That last factor is a major reason why Sterling thirsts for a Wembley winner's medal. Hull won the former Northern Union Challenge Cup at Halifax in 1914, but have since lost six finals, four of them at Wembley. They won the Cup again in 1982, but in a replay at Elland Road after a 14-14 draw at Wembley.

"I want May 4 to be another first, for me and for Hull," Sterling says. He still sighs with relief when he thinks of how close Hull came to defeat against Castleford in the semi-final at Headingley. His heart sank during the second half of that game as Castleford took a 10-4 lead and got on top.

"I thought I had travelled 14,000 miles to miss out on Wembley. I was desperate, so I tried something, a kick and follow up." Sterling got to the ball first, knocked it back, and his Australian brother-in-law, John Muggleton, dived over for the try. Hull drew 10-10 and made no mistake in the replay.

Household of expatriates

Sterling's home life in England is happy. He lives in the picturesque village of Burton Pidsea, near Hull, in a busy household of Australian expatriates consisting of Peter, John Muggleton, John's wife, who is Peter's sister, and the respective parents. Like the people of Parramatta back home, they are all looking forward to Wembley.

"Its such a marvellous occasion, with the pagentry and the family atomsphere," Peter says. "I want Hull to win, but just playing there in a final is a thrill in itself."

● Video tape evidence was yesterday used to prove two players guilty of off-the-ball tackles. Ian Orum, the Castleford scrum-half, and David Heselwood, the Barrow centre, were each suspended for four matches for foul tackles committed away from the action in games against Hull and Hull Kingston Rovers respectively.

Wally Fullerton-Smith, of Leeds, was suspended for three matches after being sent off twice this month.

"Democracy is strongest where the voter is closest to the seat of power".

These words were spoken by Lord Elton, the Government's Minister opening the debate on the Bill to abolish the Metropolitan County Councils.

A Bill which would break the direct link between the local voters and those responsible for running local services.

A Bill which would mean:

– Joint boards of appointed councillors to run police, fire and transport services, under the control of the Secretary of State.

– Local control over planning and highways being subject to "guidance" enforceable by the Secretary of State.

– The creation of 55 non-elected bodies and 123 controls for the Secretary of State.

All previous reorganisations in local government were preceded by inquiries which did not favour such arrangements.

This time there has been no inquiry.

Respondents to the Government's proposals overwhelmingly rejected them.

And had their views rejected.

The claimed benefits of abolition have been revealed as illusions by independent consultants.

Opinion polls show the people of the metropolitan areas to be decisively against the Government's proposals.

But the Government continues on its chosen course to create what one member of the House of Lords described as:

"Government from Whitehall, by Whitehall, and even perhaps for Whitehall."

But that's not surprising.

After all, how close is the Secretary of State to the local voter.

Abolition-at any cost?

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUES OR FACTS RELATING TO ABOLITION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE METROPOLITAN COUNTY COUNCILS OF GREATER MANCHESTER, MERSEYSIDE, SOUTH YORKSHIRE, TYNE AND WEAR, WEST MIDLANDS AND WEST YORKSHIRE.

CRICKET: CENTURIONS LEAD MCC MARCH

Nicholas records a century not charted in the textbook

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S: MCC, with one first-innings wicket in hand, lead Essex by 215 runs.

On a wretched cricketing day, chillingly unspringlike, MCC continued to have much the better of the county champions, Essex. They took their first innings from 98 for two to 377 for nine, a lead of 215.

Most of those who had gone to Lord's on Wednesday, to sign the book as it were, stayed away yesterday. What they missed was a cautious 100 by Moxon *ans a much* freer one from Nicholas. Moxon's 104, his eighth first-class 100, took him 278 minutes and contained 13 fours; in his 121, his fourteenth first-class 100. Nicholas hit one six and 20 fours, most of them with the drive.

Without Foster and Lever, the Essex bowling was nothing if not plain. A migraine – it could almost equally well have been hypothermia – kept Fletcher in the pavilion from noon onwards. Soon after lunch Pont also went off, having just received some fairly imperious treatment from Nicholas. This left Pringle, Turner, Acfield and Childs to do the bowling.

Moxon's watchful innings was his first at Lord's. It was not one to excite anyone, but he set his course and followed it. In the corresponding match last year, Nicholas caught the eye with an excellent 76. Yesterday he played some fine, upstanding strokes. On the back foot he is not always into line when the textboook would have him be, but he certainly has a way, when in form, of seeming to find the whole thing splendidly uncomplicated.

Gower was out in the first over of the day, "adjudged" caught at the wicket. Of MCC's other batsmen, Baily showed himself to be a clean hitter off the front foot, still with a good many rough edges to work on. He reminded me a little of Richie Benaud in the days before he became a Test all-rounder. Wells is another in the same mould – a burly fellow who gives the ball a thump off the front foot, to leg if possible. Emburey's only scoring stroke was a hook for six off Pringle; he was caught next ball.

In the field, Gooch, at slip, held a sharp catch in front of his moustache off Pringle, and dropped one off Acfield. Pringle then caught a very good one off Turner. There are, I think, a dozen 40-year-olds playing first-class cricket, of whom Turner must be as fit as any. He was still running up as eagerly as at the start of the day when, with 20 minutes left, Edmonds and Cowans, without a thought for the spectators, accepted the umpire's offer to go off for the light.

ESSEX: First Innings 162 (N G Cowans 6 for 68)

MCC: First Innings

M D Moxon c East b Acfield	104
R T Robinson c East b Pringle	22
*D I Gower c East b Pringle	26
M C J Nicholas c Gooch b Pringle	121
R J Bailey b Turner	33
C M Wells c Pringle b Turner	37
J E Emburey c East b Pringle	6
†B N French c Prichard b Turner	7
P H Edmonds not out	0
P J W Allot b Childs	3
N G Cowans not out	3
Extras (b1, l-b7, n-b7)	15
Total (9wkts)	377

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–47, 2–99, 3–262, 4–304, 5–322, 6–339, 7–362, 8–371, 9–374.
Umpires: M J Kitchen and M T Plews.
No-balls debited to bowlers' analyses.

Another three for 'rebel' tour

Sydney (Reuter) – Three more Australian Test players have been named for the "rebel" tour of South Africa that has left Australia with its biggest cricket crisis since the World Series breakaway.

John Dyson yesterday confirmed that he, his fellow opener, Steve Smith, and Rodney Hogg, a fast bowler, had joined the squad for the projected South African venture next November.

The trio increases to eight the number of confirmed rebels, who are completed by fast bowlers Carl Rackemann, John Maguire, Terry Alderman, Rod McCurdy, and wicketkeeper Steve Rixon.

The tour follows previous visits by English, West Indian and Sri Lankan teams which broke the international cricket boycott imposed because of South Africa's apartheid policy.

Australia's cricket officials, who had to weather defections to Kerry Packer's World Series in 1977, reacted to the latest upheaval by dropping three of the "rebels" originally chosen for the forthcoming tour of England.

Alderman, McCurdy and Rixon were omitted after they refused to sign statuatory declarations dissassociating themselves from any rebel tours of the Republic.

Thorne two short of century

By Richard Streeton

THE PARKS: Glamorgan with five first innings wickets in hand, lead Oxford University by five runs.

The promising start Oxford University have made this season was further confirmed yesterday when steady bowling, keenly supported in the field, prevented Glamorgan from running amok. A slow pitch and overcast, chilly conditions, militated against individual heroics, though, until Younis hit forcefully after tea, despite the worsening light.

David Thorne was the first Oxford player to make his mark, running out of partners when two short of a maiden century, and then inducing A L Jones to give a return catch against his left arm seam. Bowling with a new ball, Gregory Thomas took the remaining Oxford wickets in six overs for eight runs.

Thomas clearly has the raw speed needed for his work; he is only 24, and might yet fulfil the potential widely noted when he first played. Glamorgan must improve their close catching, however, if their attack is to earn its proper reward this summer.

Jones played too soon against Thorne, but his team mates all stayed long enough to get the feel of bat upon ball. Hopkins, who stayed nearly three hours, always stroked the ball smoothly off his legs. His only mistake came at 44, when he was almost caught behind off Rutnagur's medium pace; the same bowler soon afterwards dismissed Holmes, who hooked too soon against a slower ball.

Hopkins was third out when he mishooked and Carr took a good catch at deep square leg over his shoulder. Quinlan, medium-fast, took a second wicket when an outswinger beat Javed, who had made batting look easier than anyone else.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

*A J Miller c Steele b Ontong	18
W R Binstowe b Thomas	25
†J G Franks c Davies b Malone	35
J D Carr c Davies b Holmes	81
D A Thorne not out	98
T Patel c Steele b Holmes	0
C D M Pooley run out	4
R S Rutnagur c Jones b Steele	0
C Denny l-b-w b Thomas	0
J G Quinlan c Ontong b Thomas	4
M P Lawrance b Thomas	0
Extras (b 8, l-b 4, n-b 5)	17
Total	282

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–47, 2–55, 3–132, 4–193, 5–201, 6–249, 7–253, 8–254, 9–278, 10–282.

BOWLING: Thomas, 22–7–47–4; McFarlane, 14–3–28–0; Malone, 20–5–55–1; Ontong, 19–7–38–1; Steele, 30–12–75–1; Holmes, 12–5–27–2.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

A L Jones c and b Thorne	9
J A Hopkins c Carr b Quinlan	51
G C Holmes l-b-w b Rutnagur	29
Javed Miandad c Franks b Quinlan	47
Younis Ahmed not out	80
†R C Ontong c Pooley b Lawrence	16
J F Steele not out	18
Extras (l-b10)	10
Total (5 wkts)	287

J G Thomas, I T Davies, S J Malone and L L McFarlane to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1–7, 2–82, 3–148, 4–178, 5–222.

Umpires. H D Bird and D S Thompsett.

Cooper carries out cold destruction

By Marcus Williams

FENNER'S: Nottinhamshire, with nine second innings wickets in hand, are 244 runs ahead of Cambridge University.

Two remarkable spells of bowling by Kevin Cooper, the Nottinghamshire fast-medium bowler, shattered Cambridge University's batting yesterday. His final figures were 19–14–10–7, and though Cambridge were 154 runs behind, on first innings, the county chose batting practice rather than enforcing the follow-on. They extended their lead by 90 with the help of a fluent innings by Broad.

Cooper struck with his first ball of the day. Andrew's firmly hit shot being snapped up smartly at short leg, and in his third over an attempted hook by Fell ended in the wicket-keeper's gloves. The other five victims succumbed to Cooper's consistent line and movement around off stump and some agile catching by Scott and the two gullies, although the batsmen were frequently tempted to play at balls that would have been better left alone.

The weather followed the week's pattern of alternate warm and bone-chilling days and for the first time anyone could remember at Fenner's trays of tea and coffee were brought out to the fielders. When the first appeared Cooper had all but completed his morning's destruction – four wickets for two runs in 11 overs – and after lunch wrapped up the innings with three wickets in nine balls.

Lea, the opener, with a painstaking 27 in 145 minutes, occupied one end until he rashly cut at a wide ball to give Scott the best of his five catches, and shared a useful stand with Cotterell after five wickets were down for only 31. Gorman and Grimes then took Cambridge to within six runs of the follow-on figure before Cooper rounded up the tail.

Drizzle delayed the resumption for nearly 40 minutes but thereafter Broad and Newell shared their second half-century partnership of the match.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings
269 for 6 dec (M Newell 74, D W Randall 74; A Scott 5 for 68).

Second Innings

B C Broad l-b-w B Scott	51
M Newell not out	30
P Johnson not out	7
Extras (l-b)	2
Total (1 wkt)	90

D W Randall, *†J D Birch, K P Evans, C W Scott, R A Pick, K Saxelby, K E Cooper and J A Afford to bat.*

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–78.

BOWLING.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

A E Lea c Scott b Pick	27
C R Andrew c Newll b Cooper	5
D Fell c Scott b Cooper	4
†P G P Roebuck l-b-w b Evans	0
D G Price c Birch b Cooper	1
*A G Dawes c Evans b Cooper	0
T A Cotterell c Scott b Saxelby	20
S R Gorman c Scott b Cooper	24
A D N Grimes c Scott b Cooper	18
A Scott not out	0
C C Ellson b Cooper	0
Extras (b 2, l-b 13, w 1)	16
Total	115

FALL OF WICKETS. 1–15, 2–23, 3–28, 4–29, 5–31, 6–72, 7–76 8–114, 9–115, 10–115

BOWLING: Cooper, 19–14–10–7, Saxelby, 15–5–25–1, Pick, 13–6–37–1, Evans, 13–3–26–1 Afford 3–2–1–0

Umpires. D J Constant and D Lloyd.



Cooper: stifled Cambridge

HORSE TRIALS: TIDWORTH THREE-DAY EVENT



Going clear: Captain Mark Phillips and Contrast, who were awarded second place in error in the novice section II. The prize was returned (photograph: Chris Cole)

SNOOKER

Davis finds safety in building lead

By Sydney Friskin

John Spencer, three times a world champion, described Steve Davis as the best safety player in the world while commentating on BBC television yesterday. Such tactics were in evidence when Davis took his overnight lead over Ray Reardon from 5-2 to 9-5 in the Embassy World Championship semi-finals at Sheffield. The 31-frame match ends this afternoon.

"His safety play sets up the breaks," Spencer added, and this pattern unfolded in the day's first frame when Davis kept pushing the cue ball into safer lodgings far away from the cluster of reds and forcing Reardon into attempting shots which left Davis in favourable positions. An early break of 47 helped him to win this frame, the eight of the match.

When Davis produced breaks of 38 and 74 in the next frame, Reardon had potted only two reds, but more stable performances enabled Reardon to win the tenth and the twelfth. A fascinating break of 106 by Davis in the 13th frame ended when he snookered himself on the last red. He was then on a possible target of 141.

The champion took what looked like a firm hold on the fourteenth frame with a break of 54 but it was answered immediately with a break of 72 by Reardon, who cleared every ball up to the pink.

In the afternoon Dennis Taylor successfully deployed his own form of safety play to wear down Tony Knowles. But Taylor potted superbly, particularly from long range, carrying his overnight lead of 5-3 to 10-5. Although he did not make any big breaks – his best was a 47 clearance in the 11th frame – they were substantial enough to consolidate his position.

Taylor won the first four frames before the interval, the initial three without much effort. In the fourth he overhauled Knowles, for whom an early break of 41 was not enough. Knowles, however, whose potting was good in patches, won the thirteenth frame by taking the blue and the pink and ended the session by winning the fifthteenth fairly comfortably.

Knowles complained that a distracting roof light cost him the first three frames. Play was held up for a while and the light was dimmed.

SEMI FINALS: S Davis leads R Reardon 9-5 (72-6, 115-0, 80-27, 39-82, 9-87, 72-16, 80-0, 96-14, 73-2, 27-81, 83-7, 32-82, 106-0, 64-72). D Taylor leads A Knowles 10-5 (20-71, 39-79, 84-8, 83-13, 105-27, 124-1, 70-38, 34-70, 80-21, 76-37, 107-21, 69-41, 35-53, 78-71, 14-83).

ORDER OF PLAY: Semi finals (best of 31 frames): 10.30 A Knowles v D Taylor – third session. 3.00 S Davis v R Reardon – to finish. 7.30 Taylor v Knowles – to finish.

ATHLETICS

Coe's European target

Sebastian Coe's first major track appearance this year will be in the Guardian Royal Exchange European Clubs Trophy on June 8 and 9, when his club, Haringey AC competing at home will attempt to become the first British team to win the title (Pat Butcher writes).

Haringey, with £50,000 for the fixture from GRE, and a new £1 million stand – the sort of backing that even a relatively solvent football club would appreciate – will have the services of six other Olympic athletes in what is the best club fixture to be held in Britain.

Mike McFarlane, Gerry Oakes, Keith Stock, Matt Mileham, Wilbert Greaves and John Herbert form the vanguard with Coe in the fixture against the champion clubs of 16 European countries.

Coe will run the 1,500 metres on Saturday, and the 800 metres on Sunday. The Olympic 1,500 metres champion should face Jose Abascal, who finished third to him in Los Angeles, at the longer distance.

Alberto Cova, the Olympic, world and European 10,000 metres champion is entered for Pro Patria Pierrel of Milan, the favourites

General leads from front

By Jenny MacArthur

Rodney Powell, whose fifth position at Badmington last week is likely to earn him a place at the European championships in September, scored a fine win on Michael Kent's novice horse, General St Majors in the hotly contested section two of yesterday's Tidworth Army Horse Trials sponsored by MacConnal-Mason Thornycroft, in Hampshire. Powell's excellent dressage mark of 17 enabled him to retain first place despite a fence down in the show jumping.

Captain Mark Phillip's was awarded the second place on the six-year-old Contrast, but on studying the scoreboard he found that his five penalties in the show jumping phase had not been recorded. He pointed this out to the organizers and handed back the second prize. It went to Mary Thomson, th Devon rider aged 23, who was seventh on Divers Rock at Badmington, where she was one of only four without time faults on the cross-country.

Yesterday she rode the six-year old King Boris and finished on 25, the same score as Caroline Rose aged 21, on Sea Gem but Miss Rose was relegated to third place because she was fractionally slower across country.

Miss Rose, from Nottingham, used to be a fabric examiner in a nylon factory but, having seen Sea Gem advertised two years ago in the *Nottingham Evening Post* for £750 she saved up the money, bought him, and moved south to begin her eventing career at the Berkshire yard of Mr & Mrs Charles Brown.

Robert Lemieux had a welcome revival of fortunes when he won the novice section three on Beefeater Steak House's six-year-old The Harvest Master having finished the day on his dressage score of 29. The small, wiry horse is a very different ride from the long striding The Gamesmaster, Lemieux's top ride who missed Badminton because of a minor injury but who goes instead to the Punchestown three-day event next month.

NOVICE SECTIONS: One: 1, Royal Canyon (E Hemley) 25; 2, Classic Appeal (A May) 30; 3, Baron Lodge (K de Clerq-Lowe) 33. Two: 1, General St Majors (R Powell) 22; 2, King Boris (M Thomson) 25; 3, Sea Gem (C Rose) 25. Three: 1, The Harvest Master (R Lemieux) 29; 2, Miss Outzdeal (C Other) 31; 3, Redmund (A Hoar) 31. Four: 1, Albany II (P Saunders) 23, 2, The Legacy (J Gordsey) 25 3, The Chocolate Soldier (Lucey) 25.

IN BRIEF

Terrorist threats force change of venue

Terrorists have forced the cancellation of the women's world squash championships in Northern Ireland later this year. A threat by the Irish National Liberation Army to attack visiting players frightened off scores of competitors for the three-week event scheduled to be held at six centres around Belfast in August and September. It is now being switched to a new venue across the border in the Irish Republic, most likely Dublin.

TENNIS: Jeremy Bates, went through to the semi-finals of the LTA spring circuit hard court tournament at Queen's Club, London, yesterday. Bates easily beat Peter Moraing, of West Germany, 6-0, 6-1, in only 42 minutes.

BOXING: John Feeney has been passed fit to defend his British bantamweight title against Ray Gilbody, of St Helens at the Spectrum, Warrington, on May 9.

● Larry Holmes will defend his IBF world heavyweight title against fellow-American Carl Williams on May 30, at a venue to be decided. Unbeaten in 47 bouts, Holmes is just two short of the world record of 49 consecutive victories at any weight, held by Rocky Marciano.

ATHLETICS: Grete Waitz, of Norway, the silver medal winner in the Olympic marathon, and Eamonn Coghlan, of Ireland, who holds the record for the indoor mile, are paired in tomorrow's seventh annual Trevira twosome race to be held over 10 miles in Central Park, New York.



San Diego (Reuter) – The former world No 2, Andrea Jaeger (above), playing her first singles tournament in 10 months, lost 6-1, 6-0 to her fellow American Melissa Gurney, on Wednesday.

CYCLING: Sean Kelly, of Ireland, sprinted to victory in the 268km second stage of the Tour of Spain, finishing half an hour before the expected arrival time in Orense yesterday. It was Kelly's first stage win since April 3. Miguel Indurain, of Spain, close behind Kelly in the final sprint, took over the yellow jersey.

SKING: Ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, will continue racing in next season's World Cup, despite failing to win a World Cup event last season.

GOLF

Pride spurs Piñero to find a way back into the swing

From Mitchell Platts, Madrid

Manuel Piñero offered his thanks to two people in particular after compiling a 67, five under par, for the first round lead in the Capca Madrid Open on the Puerta de Hierro course here yesterday.

Piñero, who has slipped from fifth in the European order of merit to 28th in two years, listened to advice from John Jacobs, one of the world's leading teachers, during the winter. The instructions were to return to his old swing, thus hitting the ball from right to left, instead of working on fading the ball.

The Spaniard has also benefited by regaining a driver he borrowed several years ago from a Puerta de Hierro club member but then was compelled to return. "He wanted the club back, and I offered £1,000 to keep it, but he turned me down", Piñero explained. "That was two years ago, but this winter I asked the member again if I could have the driver back and he agreed."

Yet the important piece in the jigsaw regarding Piñero's revival is that his pride was hurt as compatriots Jose-Maria Canizares and Jose Rivero won tournaments, and the world cup for Spain, while he went into the shadows.

Piñero, who has been practising much harder, emphasized his renewed confidence by gathering five of his six birdies in the last seven holes to move one stroke ahead of Bill McColl, Bernard Gallacher, and Ian Woosnam.

It was a personal triumph for McColl, as he discovered on the first tee that he had only one new golf ball in his bag. McColl lost his suitcase whilst travelling from last week's Tunisian Open, and he was so preoccupied with buying new clothes that he forgot that his golf balls had been lost with the luggage.

McColl used that one ball for 17 holes, in which he had four birdies, but by then it was so battered that he was compelled to switch to a secondhand ball to complete the last hole.

The shot of the day belonged to Cañizares, who holed out with his five-iron second shot of 188 yards at the fifteenth (501 yards) for that rarest "bird" of all – an albatros two.

Nathanial Crosby, who is making his European debut as a professional, put together an encouraging 70. Crosby, whose father, Bing, collapsed and died eight years ago following a round at the nearby La Moraleja course, is planning an extended campaign in Europe.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB unless stated): 67: M Piñero (Sp); 68: B McColl, I Woosnam, B Gallacher, 69: S Bennett, W Wesiner (SA), F Abrau (Sp), E Darcy (Ire), G Harvey, O Ray, V Fernandez (Arg); 70: M Moreno (Sp), W Riley (Aus), N Hansen, G Ralph, I Mosey, D Feherty, M King, N Crosby (US), M McLean; 71: B Marchbank, J Morgan, M Calero (Sp), M Martin (Sp), C Mason, G Brand sen, C Moody, A Stubbs, P Way, R Hartmann (US), J Rivero (Sp), J Townsend (US), R Cromwell (US), O Sellberg (Swe), B Zabriski (US).

YACHTING

Pajot makes the most of a flying start

From John Nicholls, La Trinite

Marc Pajot, in his 65ft catamaran Elf Aquitaine, was an easy winner of the first race in the series for the Trophee des Multicoques at La Trinite yesterday.

He led almost from the start of a short race over a triangular course on which a number of larger boats took too long to settle down and get going. By the halfway stage Formula TAG (Mike Birch) and Royale (Loic Caradec) had sailed through the tack, but made no impression on Elf Aquitaine in the moderate northerly breeze.

Red Star Night Star, the British entry of Don Wood with support from British Rail, was highly creditable sixth, the first of the 60-footers. But British Airways, sailed by Robin Knox-Johnston, started badly and finished well down the fleet. Red Star may move up a place, for Charente Maritime (P. Follenfant) which finished ahead, made a premature start and may be disqualified.

Elf Aquitaine was only headed once, at the start, when Festival de Lorient (Pierre le Maout) crossed ahead of her. Festival, a 40ft catamaran put up one the best performances of the day by finishing eighth ahead of many of the large and more powerful craft.

She is the first of what is hoped to be a concentration of smaller and more affordable racing machines. Th cost of 80-footers is now astronomical and beyond the reach of even most of the generous French sponsors. The current crop of giant multi-hulls may be the last we shall see.

That there is a demand for multi-hull racing is quite clear, in France at least, from the myriad craft that are to be found in this series. The maxi-boats, all named after their sponsors, may win the races, but the bulk of fleet are privately owned and just as keenly raced. The series comprises five races, a mixture of short offshore and triangular courses.

Results (Provisional): French unless stated: 1, Elf Aquitaine (M Pajot); 2, Formule TAG (M Birch, Can); 3, Royale (L Caradec); 4, Credit Agricole (P Jeanbot); 5, Charente Maritime II (P Follenfant); 6, Red Star Night Star (D Wood, GB).

Gray lifts the gloom

Apart fromthe Tornado crews, it was a gloomy day for the British sailing team at the French Olympic regatta at Hyères yesterday. In difficult sailing conditions, with shifting unstable wind and a short, steep sea, Ian Gray finished sixth in the Tornado race, four places clear of Rob White.

Few of the other British team members finished in the top half of their fleets and in the Finn class, only John Greenwood of the four helmsmen present, actually raced, the other three being disqualified for premature starting.

FIFTH RACE – Division II Boards: 1s, R Nagy (Fr); 2, H Plegein (Fr) 3, E Baltri (Sp). British placings: 24, B Eddington; 29 S Goody; 33, N Buckley; 37, P Way. Finn Dinghy: 1, O Khoporsky (USSR); 2, J Lindhartsen (Den) 3, L Hjortness (Den); British placing: 26, J Greenwood. Flying Dutchman: 1, J Bojsen Muller and J Bojsen Muller (Den) 2, T Berger and F Herpin (Fr); 3, P Wiesner and P Lang (WG). British placing: 28, R Yeoman and R Myers. Soling: 1, B Budnikov, O Miron and G Strakh (USSR); 2, T Jungblut/K Stryl/T Kroger (WG); 3, E Flint/F Neuling/K Michels (WG) British placing: 6, N Walbank/ G Kingston and L Ingham. 470 Ladies: 1, T van der Vooren/H Stavenuiter (?) 2, A Bacchiega and N Monico (It); 3, B Lennstrom and A Lennstrom (Fin) 47th Men: 1, R Ruddell and M Richter (GG); 2, H Duetz and J Bos (Neth) 3, T Janks/R Jenks (WG). British placings: 19, K Sprout and H Calder 21, S Teasdale and A Hemmings; 25 R Boardman and I Teasdale 34, I Brewer and R Drumgold. Tornado: 1, C Christian and D Tucek (Austria); 2 W Van Bladel and C Van Bladel (Neth). 3, E Trost and H Boese (WG); British placings: 6, I Gray and T Handcock, 11, R White and J Newman.

BOXING

Hagler is Graham's aim

Marvin Hagler is the long-range target for Herol Graham, of Sheffield, who won the British middleweight title by knocking out Jimmy Price, of Liverpool, in 90 seconds at the Britannia Leisure Centre on Wednesday (Srikumar Ser writes). Everything Graham does from now on will be geared to that end. The big day is likely to be in May 1986, Mike Barrett the London promoter, said yesterday.

The venue could by Bramall Lane. Barrett said: "In the last few weeks Hagler hassaid that he is quite willing to come over to fight Herol. He even named Bramall Lane as the venue."

Graham has a choice of three days for his next bout, which will most likely be in June. The dates are June 5 at the Albert Hall, June 8 on the Barry McGuigan – Eusebio Pedroza world featherweight championship bill at Loftus Road, and June 25 at Wembley when Frank Bruno challenges Anders Eklund, of Sweden, for the European heavyweight title. The McGuigan show would be the best one to be on as it will be seen in the United States.

"We have a plan which is quite straightforward," Barrett said. "Tony Sibson has to defend his European title against Ayub Kalule before the end of June. The British Boxing Board of Control will then be pushing Herol as the next official challenger, so he should be fighting for the European title before the end of the year."

Graham's first round win over Price surprised both corners, who had thought the bout would warm up before anything spectacular happened. Even Graham was taken aback that Price was so easy to hit. Price was altogether too static against the hyperactive Sheffield

Bond's part in Lancashire's long-term investment

A manager suited for the times



Simon Barnes

With every cricket season the mutterings in the members' bars across the land seem to get louder. Humph, they say, cricket is getting – horror beyond all possible horrors – more like football every year. Spectators chant that there is only one Ian Botham, as if there were any possibility of there being more, players flex their pecs in torso-hugging shirts, captains say things like "Obviously I was pleased for Bob", and, almost impossible to believe, some teams even have managers.

There are six team managers listed in the current *Wisden*: at least, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Surrey and Warwickshire. In football, the manager decides on the game plan and the captain's job is just to toss the odd coin and to shout "C'mon lads, pressure, pressure, pressure!" The cricket captain is expected to do rather more than that: why then employ a manager?

There is no point in the idea, one might have thought when watching Middlesex in Spain last week, with captain Mike Gatting so hugely and demonstrably the boss, as he organized nets, matches and everything else for his boys. But there was a different atmosphere around Lancashire, who were also out in La Manga: they are a young, all-lads-together sort of team, and they are managed by Jack Bond, who was their effervescent captain at the start of Lancashire's period as the one-day kings of the early 1970s.

"When I left Lancashire in 1972, I wanted a manager's job", he said. "But it was unheard of then". Lancashire made him manager in 1980. They had not won a trophy since 1975, and did not do so again until last season when they won the Benson and Hedges Cup. They were also fourth in the John Player League, quarter-finalists (beaten by the eventual winners) in the NatWest Trophy and ah, um, second from bottom in the Britannic Assurance County Championship.

Perhaps Lancashire need a manager more than most. Apart from Clive Lloyd and Jack Simmons, it is a side more noted for its potential than its achievement. Senior players have been shed in recent seasons as injuries and age have ended long careers, and Lancashire are left with an eager young bunch bursting for the chance to be stars. "Cricket has become far more of a team game than it used to be", Bond said. "Players cannot be as selfish as they used to. Before, people used to play in order to be satisfied with their own performances. These days, you pick a team of workers and you would beat the teams of the past that had five stars who did it all. You can't carry players these days".

Lancashire's captain is a tyro, John Abrahams, appointed on Bond's recommendation. He had a trial period when Clive Lloyd was absent on duty for the World Cup in 1983 and was captain throughout last season. Bond said: "When I was first played there was only the three-day game. Now there are three types of cricket, seven days a week. It is not just the responsibilities of organizing kit and transport we have been able to take from the captain."

Planning a match has become a matter of exchange of views rather than autocratic decision. The team is picked by Bond, Abrahams and the first team coach, Peter Lever, who is another Bond-recommended appointment. "The captain and I will talk a lot before a match," Bond said. "And again in the intervals. But once the side is picked, he is the one in charge. He decides on declarations, changes in the batting order, who to bowl, what field to set.

"Having a cricket manager has meant that Lancashire have been able to do away with the cricket committee. I report to the full committee. I'm an easy person for the players to approach. Before I was here, the man you saw after the captain was on the committee – and that could be dangerous. Also, I am here all the time. John and I live in each other's pockets. Committee men have responsibilities outside cricket and can't go to every match."

He sees the job as part captain's advice centre, part disciplinarian, part controller of vaulting ambition, part easy channel of communication. He is a kind of cricketers' nanny, a shrewd and sometimes alarming one, I would expect, cast in the Mary Poppins mould.

Bond manages a team of the modern era, of young fit, expert fielders in their body-hugging, clingfilm sweatshirts. But he said: "I'm going to make 'em wear their caps this season. You don't award a player his county floppy hat, do you?" Cricket is, I promise you, still cricket, even if there are managers in the game. The natty-suited, strutting con-men from the other game show no signs of colonizing cricket just yet.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

UNITED STATES: American League: Cleveland Indians 7, Detroit Tigers 6; Minnesota Twins 10, Seattle Mariners 0; Toronto Blue Jays 10, Kansas City Royals 2; Oakland A's 6, California Angels 4; Boston Red Sox 7, New York Yankees 6; Baltimore Orioles 2, Texas Rangers 1; Milwaukee Brewers 3, Chicago White Sox 2. National League: St Louis Cardinals 5, New York Mets 1; Montreal Expos 7, Philadelphia Phillies 5; Cincinnati Reds 8, Houston Astros 3; Los Angeles Dodgers 4, San Francisco Giants 2; Chicago Cubs 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 2; San Diego Padres 3, Atlanta Braves 1.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Detroit Pistons 116, New Jersey Nets 115 (Pistons win best-of-five series 3-0); Washington Bullets 118, Philadelphia 76ers 100 (76ers lead series 2-1); Chicago Bulls 108, Milwaukee Bucks 107 (Bucks lead series 2-1); Utah Jazz 112, Houston Rockets 104 (Jazz lead series 2-1).

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Second Stage (Zamora to Orense, 268km): 1, S Kelly (Ire) 6hr 26min 36sec; 2, J L Laguia (Sp); 3, J Fernandez (Sp); 4, J Luis Navarro (Sp); 5, S Rooks (Neth); 6, J Recio (Sp); 7, M Hermans (Neth); 8, R Pello Cabestany (Sp); 9, G Baronchelli (It); 10, P Winnan (Neth), all same time.

ROME: Iberation amateur road race: (121.9km): 1, G Bugno (It), 2hr 53min 16sec; 2, M Jurco (Cz), 3, M Klasa (Cz), both same time.

PRATO: Industry and Commerce Grand Prix' one-day race: 1, Moreno Argentin (It) 5hr 20min; 2, E Moroni (It); 3, M Lejarreta (Sp); 4, M Beccia (It); 5, A Pegarenzi (It), all same time; 6, J Worre (Den) 0:21:25; 7, H Mater (WG); 8, Van Der Velde (Neth); 9, M Wilson (Aus); 10, R Rand (It), all same time.

DIVING

SHANGHAI: World Cup: Team events: Men's platform: 1, China, 1,148.87pts; 2, USSR, 1,054.41; 3, Mexico, 1,048.10. Women's springboard: 1, China, 1,042.71pts; 2, US, 946.86; 3, USSR, 942.06. Individuals: Men's platform: 1, Li Kongzheng (China) 580.74pts; 2, Tong Hui (China), 567.99; 3, V Troshin (USSR) 566.63.

GOLF

INAMURA, Japan: International Open tournament (Japanese unless stated): 64: Chen Tze-Chung (Tai), 66: Yoshio Fumiyama, 67: Tsuneyuki Nakajima, 68: M Clayton (Aust), T Gale (Aust), Koichi Inoue, Tsukasa Watanabe.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Long Eaton 52, Berwick 28.

KNOCK-OUT CUP: First round, second leg: Wimbledon 62, Poole 16 (Wimbledon win 102–54 on aggregate).

TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: LTA tournament: Men's singles, quarter finals: T Bster bt P Moraing (WG), 6–0, 6–1; M Christensen (Den), bt N Fulwood, 7–5, 6–2; P Johnston (Aus) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 6–2, 6–2; S Youl (Aus) bt M Barooh (Aus), 6–4, 6–1.

Women's singles, quarter finals: E Eldblom (Swe) bt D Van Rensburg (SA), 6–2, 2–6, 6–2; D Molee (Rom) bt A Bjork (Swe), 1–6, 6–3, 6–3; J Tacon bt L Pennington, 6–2, 4–6, 9–7; K Okamoto (Jap) bt K Karlsson (Swe), 6–1, 6–2.

ATLANTA, Georgia: Grand Prix tournament: First round (US unless stated): B Gilbert bt T Fitzgerald (Aus), 3–6, 6–3, 6–1; T Mayotte bt H Pfister, 6–4, 6–4; J McEnroe bt B Teacher, 6–3, 6–3; M Leach bt S Edberg (Swe), 7–5, 7–5. Second round: Gilbert bt J Fitzgerald (Aus), 3–6, 6–3, 6–1; P Annacone bt J Sadri, 6–3, 6–3; K Curren (SA) bt T Wilkinson, 6–4, 7–5; S Davis bt D Pate, 1–6, 6–4, 6–3.

SAN DIEGO: Women's tournament: Second round (US unless stated): R Fairbank (SA) bt L Howell, 6–4, 3–6, 6–3; M L Piatak bt R White, 4–6, 6–2, 6–4; W Turnbull (Aus) bt C Kinney, 6–3, 7–5; A CroR (GB) bt B Jordan, 6–4, 6–3; B Herr bt L Antonopils, 6–4, 6–3; B Nagelsen bt A Henrickson, 6–2, 4–6, 6–3; Hu Na bt E Tell, 6–2, 6–3; M Gurney bt A Jaeger, 6–1, 6–0.

VOLLEYBALL

TEL AVIV: Spring Cup: Women: Finals: France 3, Sweden 0. Third place: Norway 3, Spain 0. Other placing: 12th: England. England results: England 0, Sweden 3; England 0, Switzerland 3; England 0, Finland 3; England 2, Israel 3; England 2, West Germany 3.

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Birmingham City 1, Arsenal 2; Fulham 0, Norwich City 3, Swindon Town 3, Charlton Athletic 0

WORLD CUP: Concacaf qualifying group: Costa Rica 3, Trinidad and Tobago 0.

ICE HOCKEY

PRAGUE: World championships: Finland 3, West Germany 3; United States 5, East Germany 5; US 5, Finland 5; Czechoslovakia 7, Sweden 2.

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida: Women's Tournament: Second round: Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt R Sasak (Yug), 6-4, 6-3, D Spence (US) bt S Hanika (WG), w/o: C Lindqvist (Swe) bt M Torres (US), 7-6, 6-4; B Gadusek (US) bt Y Vermaak (SA), 6-0, 6-4; M Navratilova (US) bt K Horvath (US), 6-4, 6-1; M Maleeva (Bul) bt E Inoue (Jap), 6-2, 6-1.

TULSA, Oklahoma: Men's Exhibition Tournament: Y Noah (Fr) bt G Holmes (US) 6-2, 6-4, A Krickstein (US) bt M Purcell (US) 4-6, 6-1, 6-1.

RACKETS

Old Etonians weekend (Queen's Club, West Kensington).

REAL TENNIS

Old Etonians weekend (Queen's Club, West Kensington).

SNOOKER

Embassy world professional championship (Cruckle Theatre, Sheffield).

CRICKET

11.0-5.30 or 6.0

CRICKET: CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge University

Dv Nottinghamshire

OXFORD: Oxford University v Glamorgan

LORD'S: MCC v Essex

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Third division

Bournemouth v Bradford City (7.30).....

Fourth division

Tranmere v Southend (7.30).....

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Luton Rs v Millwall Rs (2.0)

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon v Rosslyn Park (7.0); Newbridge v Penarth (7.15); Pontypridd v Maesteg (7.0); Pontypool v Waterloo (7.0); South Wales Police v Aberfeley (8.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

SECOND DIVISION: Southend v Huddersfield (3.0); Whitehaven v Bridgend (8.0).

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FOOTBALL: MERSEYSIDERS PLAN THEIR CAMPAIGNS AT HOME AND ABROAD

Discipline problem tackled by League

The Football League plan to break down the barrier between referees and players in a new attempt to reduce the number of bookings and sendings-off. Captains will have a pre-match discussion with the referee when they take in their team-sheets, referees will be encouraged to visit clubs to meet the staff, and match officials will be allowed to share an after-match drink with managers and players.

Captains will now wear an official arm band on the field and will be allowed to talk with the referee during the game. Failure to reduce the number of cautions and dismissals has led to the campaign. Figures for the season up to mid-April this year (3,594 cautions and 151 sendings-off) suggest there will be yet another increase by the end of the season.

In 1970-71 there were 905 cautions and 37 sendings off, and in 1982-83 they soared to 3,748 bookings and 229 sendings-off.

The order for captains to take in the team-sheet (not the coach driver or the boot boy, as some referees complained had happened) is one of the few regulation changes involved. In the main the ideas, of a liason panel which met for 12 months, are suggestions. Only FIFA, where the FA has only one vote, can make actual changes to the laws of the game.

How big the gap between referees and players had become was underlined by John Camkin, the secretary of the managers' association. "It got to a point where some players and managers had no respect for referees at all" he said. "There was a feeling the two sides just didn't understand each other.

Liverpool make plans for extra travel insurance

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Joe Fagan admits that Liverpool's fate in the European Cup final has assumed even greater importance than usual. Unless they win in Brussels on May 29, and so gain revenge for their defeat by Juventus in the Super Cup, the season will be their least rewarding since Bob Paisley took over a decade ago.

"By my standards, reaching the semi-final of the FA Cup, the final of the European Cup and lying fifth in the League isn't bad", he said. "By this club's standards, it is not so good." Indeed, 1975 is the only year they have failed to collect a prize since they gained their first foreign trophy a dozen years ago.

The next few weeks will be devoted to the unaccustomed indignity of constructing a safety net. "The victory over Panathinaikos was satisfying but it is forgotten now, "Fagan went on. "Starting at Ipswich on Saturday we must make sure that we qualify for next season's UEFA Cup before were turn our thoughts towards the final".

Fagan, his asistant, Ronnie Moran, and his squad unanimously agree that the 2-0 loss in the Italian's own stadium in the middle of January is largely irrelevant.



Fagan: determined

Apart from the financial incentives, Liverpool agreed to take part in the Super Cup so that the influential Dalglish, banned for three European games, would be absent only for the two ties against the Austrian representatives. During their subsequent recovery, they have been beaten only by Manchester United, twice, and Tottenham Hotspur, a record that their Greek opponents never threatened in the Olympic Stadium on Wednesday.

The words of Jacek Gmoch proved to be an idle threat. In two of the five languages that he speaks, the Polish manager of Panathinaikos had promised "revenge" after their emphatic defeat at Anfield. "We will see in a fortnight who plays the better football", he had said.

The echo sounds even more hollow now. The Greeks, lacking discipline in the first leg and ideas in the second, are one of the weakest sides to have reached any Continental semi-final in recent years, let alone that of the European Cup.

Whelan, the player whom Lawrenson used as a wall to score Wednesday's lone goal on the hour, said: "We expected it to be much harder."

Their celebrations in Athens were thus relatively subdued after their 5-0 aggregate victory. The champagne occasion had gone flat.

● Ian Rush sees a specialist today about the knee trouble that prevented him from playing in Greece. Rush, who has missed the last three games, will also miss tomorrow's game at Ipswich Town, but he desparately wants to play for Wales in next Tuesday's World Cup qualifying tie against Spain at Wrexham.

Platini gives Juventus the edge

By David Miller

The instant judgement on the European Cup final, Liverpool's fifth and Juventus's third, is that the Italians, having already authoritatively defeated the opposition this season, will be tactically too smart to permit Real Madrid's record five victories to be equalled by Liverpool. More careful reflection suggests that Juventus may not be quite as impregnable nor Liverpool as much in comparative decline as some of the season's evidence indicates.

The two semi-finals cannot be compared. Liverpool's execution of moderate but boastful Panathinaikos was predictable and competently fulfilled, though Liverpool's intermittent uncertainty of the first leg first half should not be forgotten. The Greeks, until conceding two goals immediately after half-time, were within an arm's length of creating mischief.

The meeting of Bordeaux and Juventus was always likely to be the more fascinating tie, yet Juventus by no means conclusively proved they were superior. Questions remain.

What might have happened had Bordeaux chosen to play in the away first leg, which they lost 3–0, with the attempted physical intimidation they strangely preferred for the first half of the second leg, or had Chalana of Portugal, not been left on the bench until early in the second leg second half, or had Battiston's goal to make it 3–2 come 15 minutes earlier than the eightieth minute, or had Bodini not produced, in the last frantic couple of minutes, two spectacular saves from Tusseau, the left back, and the ceaselessly searching, delightful Tigana?

Football is full of such imponderables. Juventus displayed commendable calm in defensively outthinking Bordeaux in the frenzy of the first half hour, in which two on each side were booked and Dieter Muller managed a single goal.

Yet Juventus are human. The pressure, when Battiston scored following a prolonged spell in which Juventus were consistently attacking and Bordeaux looked to have played out their idcas, finally nearly unhinged even the Italian's sanguine game-sense.

The emotion of the home crowd, twice holdi aloft tens of thousands of burning matches or lighters in the second half as if in some inspirational pagan rite, left imperishable memories of the 1938 World Cup stadium.

Possibly Juventus profited from a two leg tie, and would have been harder pressed by Bordeaux's flourishes at a single, mutual arena; though I doubt it. Platini, when he chose to in the second half, outshone even Tigana and Giresse.

If we look at the respective midfields – Tardelli, Bonini, Platini and Boniek versus a formula from Nicol, Dalglish, Wark, Whelan or MacDonald – then Juventus undeniably have the edge. With Favero, Caricola and Cabrini dominant markers and Scirea an accomplished sweeper, how are Rush and Dalglish going to score?

Yet how are Juventus? Rossi is now a shadow of the player he was in 1982 and although Briaschi is promising, their goals might have to come from midfield. When Platini has scored 305 goals in his senior career, it is difficult to bet against Juventus. Yet Liverpool have for 20 years shown the character to be able to rise to the occasion. Bob Paisley, ace scout, must go and watch their rivals against Sampdoria in 17 days' time.

Everton's hounds scent blood

By Clive White

A broken nose and numerous bumps and bruises were just the external scars which Bayern Munich had to show for trying to tangle with Everton, the English bull terrier, in the Cup Winners' Cup semi-final at Goodison Park on Wednesday. If ever a team were built to meet the huge demands of achieving the unique treble of FA Cup, League and European trophy, then it is Everton.

There may be more talented and thrilling teams in the country but no one here or probably in the rest of Europe has a better mix of skill and strength than this pedigree animal with mongrel tendencies. Howard Kendall, the manager, has raised a team which reflects all his virtues: discipline, dependability and an appetite for success which borders on the greedy.

The balance in the team is reflected in the coaching staff. Colin Harvey, the exquisite playmaker of Everton's championship winning side in 1970, and Mick Heaton, a bulldog of a full back with Blackburn Rovers who admits that his repertoire as a player went no further than winning the ball. These are the men behind Everton's brawn and brain.

Everton did to Bayern nothing more than they did to Telford United and dozens of others this season: they squeezed the space both behind and in front of the opposing forwards to a suffocating degree. "The pressure was too much for us," Udo Lattek, the West German manager, said.

The atmosphere generated by nearly 50,000 Evertonians turned from one of appreciation of their team's achievements to one of hostility when Bayern, unwisely, chose to check Everton's advances with physical intimidation. It rebounded violently upon the Bavarians. Eder's nose was broken by some part of Gray's awkward angular frame and was off the pitch receiving treatment when Gray delivered the killing blow in the 73rd minute.

The sweetness of victory in a passionately exciting game was slightly soured by the physical confrontation. Bayern's European conquerors in the past four seasons have all been British and all eventual champions – Aston Villa, Aberdeen, Liverpool and Tottenham Hotspur. As the Merseysiders attempt to reach the same goal in Rotterdam on May 15 against Rapid Vienna let us hope that they have more reason to show their creative half.

Munich (Reuter) – The Bayern Munich goalkeeper, Jean-Marie Pfaff, is expected to have his appendix removed today. He will be out for six weeks.

Maxwell irate

The Oxford United chairman, Robert Maxwell, had harsh words for the City Council on Wednesday night after his club had clinched promotion to the first division barring a series of freak results. Oxford, football league members for 23 years, beat Shrewsbury Town 1-0 but Maxwell has threatened to boycott a civic reception, saying: "We will refuse to go until the City Council give us a definite financial commitment or a new ground.

Inter demand replay after incident

Milan (Reuter) – Internazionale have submitted a written protest to UEFA over an incident in Wednesday night's UEFA Cup semi-final, second leg tie against Real Madrid, in which the Inter defender, Gniseppe Bergomi, was struck by an object thrown from the crowd and had to be carried off the field.

Internazionale have asked for Wednesday's result to be annulled. UEFA's disciplinary committee, expected to meet on Sunday or Monday, could order a replay on a neutral ground if the protest is upheld.

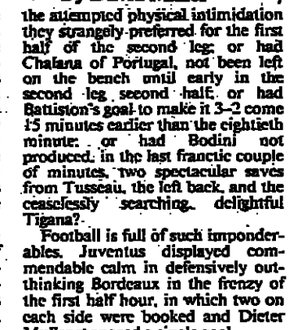
Real won 3-0 on the night to go through to the final 3-2 on aggregate, but while Real players wept with joy after their recovery from the first-leg deficit, Internazionale players were blaming their defeat on the loss of Bergomi in the 32nd minute. Real were 1-0 up at the time.

An Internationale official was quoted as saying that Bergomi was hit by a glass ball. The official said Bergomi was hit behind the left ear, has a bump the size of an egg and was slightly concussed.

Bergomi, who returned to Milan with the team yesterday, said: "I can remember a hard blow on the head. I regained consciousness only when I was being taken to the changing rooms on a stretcher."

Internazionale appealed to UEFA after a similar incident in October 1971, when Roberto Boninsegna was hit by a bottle thrown from the crowd in the first leg of a European Cup tie away to Borussia Moenchengladbach, of West Germany.

UEFA ordered the match to be replayed and Internazionale who lost the original home game, drew 0-0 to win a place in the third round.



Bergomi: victim of missile

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-finals, second legs: Bordeaux 2, Juventus 0 (Juventus win 3-2 on aggregate); Panathinaikos 0, Liverpool 1 (Liverpool win 5-0 on aggregate).
EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Semi-finals, second legs: Everton 3, Bayern Munich 1 (Everton win 3-1 on aggregate); Moscow Dynamo 1, Rapid Vienna 1 (Rapid win 4-2 on aggregate).
UEFA CUP: Semi-finals, second legs: Real Madrid 3, Internazionale 0 (Real Madrid win 3-2 on aggregate); Zeljeznicar 2, Videoton 1 (Videoton win 4-3 on aggregate).
FIRST DIVISION: Aston Villa 1, Watford 1; Luton Town 1, Nottingham Forest 2; Manchester United 0, Southampton 0; Stoke City 2, Norwich City 3; West Bromwich Albion 2, Sunderland 0.
SECOND DIVISION: Oxford United 1, Shrewsbury Town 0.
THIRD DIVISION: Lincoln City 0, Doncaster Rovers 2; Reading 1, Plymouth Argyle 1.
FOURTH DIVISION: Hereford United 3, Crewe Alexandra 2; Mansfield Town 0, Scunthorpe United 1.

CENTENARY MATCH: Hemel Hempstead 0, Isthmian League XI 1.
ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Wilton 2, Wivenhoe 0.

SERVOWARM NTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Chesham 0, Farnborough 3.
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor 0, Distillery 0.

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Clacton 3, Haverhill 1; Harwich and Parkeston 5, Newmarket 1; Histon 3, Colchester Res 0; Stowmarket 1, Soham 1; Thetford 3, Gorleston 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First Division: Motherwell 4, St Johnstone 0.
GOLA LEAGUE: Bob Lord Trophy. Final 1st leg, Maidstone 0, Runcorn 2.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Alvechurch 1, Bedworth 2; Cheltenham 3, RS Southampton 2; King's Lynn 5, AP Leamington 0; Welling 3, Shepshed 2; Willenhall 2, Fisher 0. Southern Division: Dover 1, Addlestone 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Burton 1, Stafford 4; Rhyl 1, Mossley 1.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn 3, Notts County 1; Coventry 1, Manchester United 3; Derby 2, West Bromwich 0; Nottingham Forest 2, Barnsley 1. Second division: Wigan 2, Oldham 1; York 3, Preston 1.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Chelsea 5, Queen's Park Rangers 0; Ipswich 4, Luton 2; Millwall 2, Tottenham 5.

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCHES: Abertillery 18, Tredegar 21; Bedford 18, Nuneaton 9; Otley 7, Rugby 34; South Wales Police 7, Pontypool 42.

RUGBY LEAGUE
SECOND DIVISION: Carlisle 17, Salford 28; Runcorn 23, Rochdale 6.

Murphy in line for Barrow job

Non-League football
by Paul Newman

Bob Murphy, who was dismissed as manager of Southport four months ago, has taken temporary charge of another former Football League club, Barrow. Although he has little time in which to make an impression (Barrow have only two Gola League games left) Murphy seems likely to be given the job permanently at the end of the season.

Murphy lasted only 10 months at Southport, but his experience there failed to tarnish the excellent reputation he earned at Mossley. Under his charge, Mossley finished in the top two of the Northern Premier League five years in succession from 1979. Murphy's predecessor at Barrow, Brian Kidd, has joined Preston North End as the assistant to Tommy Booth, his former Manchester City colleague.

Nuneaton Borough, who have also lost their manager to the Canon League, have put Richard Dixey, their captain, in temporary control. The Warwickshire club are to advertise for a permanent successor to Graham Carr, who was appointed manager of Northampton Town last week.

Nuneaton could also lose Paul Culpin, their leading goalscorer, in the very near future. Culpin, who broke the Gola League scoring record last season with 54 goals, is attracting the interest of several Canon League clubs.

● Stafford Rangers, one of the best-supported clubs in non-League football, are poised to return to the Gola League after an absence of two seasons. Stafford's 4-1 victory at Burton Albion on Wednesday night leaves them two points clear of Macclesfield Town and with a substantially superior goal difference. Both sides have three games left.

● Bishop Auckland are set to end Blyth Spartans' recent domination of the Drybroughs Northern League. Blyth, who are a point behind Bishop Auckland, play their last game of the season tomorrow away to North Shields. Bishop Auckland, who last won the league in 1967, when Lawrie McMenemy was the manager, have three games left.

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VOLLEYBALL

Mizuno hit the heights

Team Mizuno confirmed their new status as the best team in England last weekend when they beat Redwood Lodge 3-0 in their last Britvic National League match of the season (Paul Harrison writes). But the new league champions are not in the English Cup final at the Britannia Sports Centre in Shoreditch on Sunday. They were knocked out by Speedwell Rucanor, of Bristol, who will meet Spark Crook Log, of London.

Speedwell finished runners-up in the league, where nobody could live with Mizuno. Against Redwood Lodge, the West Londoners again used their height to good advantage.

In the women's final, Hillingdon, the holders and league champions, meet the team they pipped for the title on sets, Ashcombe, the team Freda Bussey built. "They are all my little girls," says Mrs Bussey, a much-capped England international who introduced most of the squad to the game at the Ashcombe school in Dorking.

RACING: PEBBLES FIT TO DO HERSELF JUSTICE AT SANDOWN

Elmboy primed for an encore

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Elmboy is napped to win the Audi Grand Prix de Chasse (Hunter Chase final) at Sandown Park today for the second time. Norman Mawle's seven-year-old has had two principal objectives this season. He achieved the first when he won the Christie's Foxhunters' Chase at Cheltenham on the last day of the National Hunt Festival. Now I expect him to attain his second goal at the expense of Golden Casino and Game Trust.

Having won all his point-to-points as well as his first and only hunter chase so far at Huntingdon, Golden Casino is clearly a cut above the average and a rival to be feared. However, what should tilt the scales in favour of Elmboy is the experience that he, and his rider, Alan Hill, gained on this occasion twelve months ago.

The fences at Sandown are anything but the easiest, nor, for that matter, is the course the most simple to ride. A year ago they passed the test with honours and I expect them to do so again now especially as Elmboy has been trained with this race in mind ever since he qualified for this final by winning a point-to-point at Mollington just 10 days after his Cheltenham triumph.

Today's programme has been greatly improved on last year by the inclusion, for the first time of the Trusthouse Forte Mile. With £40,000 added to the sweepstakes, this new group two race has attracted Pebbles, the winner of the 1,000 Guineas last year.

Her trainer Clive Brittain, whose horses are in such fine form, assured me that if he ran Pebbles he would do so only if he considered her to have a winning chance. So her presence in today's line-up of seven is self-explanatory.

Brittain is obviously of the opinion that his filly can cope with King of Clubs, Centennial and Vacarme even though they are race fit whereas she is not. He can take comfort from the fact that Pebbles was forward enough last year to win the Nell Gwyn Stakes when making her seasonal debut. My information is that Sarab, who went from strength to strength last year, could turn out to be her main rival even though, like her he has not run this year. Sarab ended last season by finishing fourth to Procida in the group one Prix de la Foret at Longchamp, beaten only two lengths.

Sarab is trained at Lambourn by Paul Cole whose early two-year-olds have been quick to make their mark this spring. Against that background Flash Donna may beat the more experienced Dancing Fille in the Juvenile Maiden Stakes. At Newmarket recently Dancing Fille was no match for Ringtail, a stable companion of my selection.

Now that Barry Hills's horses are beginning to strike winning form Rikki Tavi looks to have a good chance of winning the Audi Sprints Handicap at the expense of the course and distance winner Vital Boy and Valuable Witness, who has not run this season. Considering he was backward, Rikki Tavi was not disgraced in the Queen's Prize, finishing seventh behind Floyd.

Events are proving that Olivier Douieb and Alain Lequeux are a combination to be feared by all when they come up with the right horse and now the word from Newmarket is that Northern Aspen, my selection for the Childwick Bury Maiden Stakes, is just such an individual. Sally Brown, Michael Stoute's newcomer, is also said to be able to go a bit but I am content to rely on the French connection.

Supreme Leader and Jaggery, second and fifth, respectively, in the Wood Ditton Stakes at Newmarket nine days ago, will meet again in the 80th renewal of the Tudor Stakes for which Mondanite is the obvious danger following that encouraging run behind Gay Captain at Newbury last Autumn. Jaggery has five lengths to make up on Supreme Leader and should make a closer race of it this time, but I stand by Clive Brittain's promising colt.

At Thirsk Abha looks a good thing to win the Abbey Lands Stakes following those fascile victories at Nottingham and Mewmarket, while Camden Lock should be capable of carrying his penalty successfully in the Brompton Handicap Stakes



Pebbles, who makes her seasonal reappearance in the Trusthouse Forte Mile at Sandown

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SANDOWN PARK Ch4

[Televised: 2.35, 3.5, 3.40, 4.10]

Going: good (str course); good to soft (rnd); good to firm (chase).
Draw advantage: 7f-1m, high numbers best.

2.0 JUVENILE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £2,635: 5f) (11 runners)

102		ANGLES FEAR (Mrs J Bryce) R Armstrong 8-11	P Robinson	4
103		CARELESS WHISPER (Lord Matthews) Mrs C Reavey 8-11	N Day	10
104		CINNAMON SKY (C Wright) D Laing 8-11	W Carson	8
105	02	DANCING FILLE (C Lilley) R J Williams 8-11	S Cauthen	11
107		FLASH DONNA (Gulfing Stud Ltd) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	2
108		FOUNTAIN BELLS (R Khan) R Hannon 8-11	A McGlone	6
109		JACQUI JOY (Mrs I Reichelt) K Ivory 8-11	R Cochrane	9
110		LA JAMBALAYA (Mrs P Makin) P Makin 8-11	Pat Eddery	3
111		LIBERTON BRAE (P Innes) J Bethell 8-11	J Matthias	5
112		MOONLIGHT LADY (Rockvale Ltd) P Kelleway 8-11	Gay Kelleway	1
115		TUNEFUL LASS (P Wreford) P Mitchell 8-11	R McGhin	7

1984: My Anniversary 8-11 S Cauthen (3-1) R J Williams 8 ran.

5-2 Flash Donna, 7-2 Dancing Fille, 9-2 Careless Whisper, 6 Liberton Brae, 8 Moonlight Lady, 10 Angles Fear, 12 Tunetul Lass, 14 others.

Sandown selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Flash Donna. 2.35 Rikki Tavi. 3.5 Pebbles. 3.40 Elmboy (nap). 4.10 Ardrox Lad. 4.40 Northern Aspen. 5.10 Supreme Leader.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Dancing Fille. 2.35 Vital Boy. 3.15 Pebbles. 4.10 All Agreed. 4.40 Northern Aspen. 5.10 Supreme Leader.

By Michael Seely

2.35 Vital Boy. 4.10 Jack Tar.

2.35 AUDI SPORT HANDICAP (£3,856: 1m 6f) (7)

201	21/0012-	VALUABLE WITNESS (D) (S Hlarchos) J Tree 5-9-10	Pat Eddery	7
203	2110-23	OLD HUBERT (E Annets) A Balley 4-9-10	S Dawson 3	3
204	02160-2	VITAL BOY (CD) (J Thoday) J Winter 4-8-8	W R Swinburn	5
205	01424-0	DOMINATE (Mrs S Williams) P Mitchell 4-8-7	T Williams 3	6
207	02430-0	RIKKI TAVI (A Boon) B Hills 5-7-11	R Hills	2
209	002000-	HI EASTER (J Tarrant) D Elsworth 5-7-8	D Brown 7	1
210	3000/00-	DRAGON PALACE (B)(D) (D Winfield) D Elsworth 7-7-7	–	4

1984: Say Primula 6-8-10 W Carson (13-2) J W Watts 10 ran.

2 Vital Boy, 3 Valuable Witness, 4 Old Hubert, 6 Rikl Tavi, 8 Dominate, 12 Hi Easter, 16 Dragon Palace.

FORM: VALUABLE WITNESS (9-0) 6l 2nd of 25 to Tom Sharp (7-10) at Newmarket (2m 2f h'cap, £20,626, good, Oct 20) with RIKKI TAVI (9-0) 7th. OLD HUBERT (8-13) 5l 3rd of 14 to Labkowice (8-0) at Kempton (1m 4f h'cap, £3,215, heavy, Apr 12) with DOMINATE (8-10) 12th. VITAL BOY (9-7) 5l 2nd of 9 to Percase (8-2) at Warwick (1m 4f h'cap, £2,244, heavy, Apr 9).
Selection: VALUABLE WITNESS.

3.5 TRUSTHOUSE FORTE MILE (group II: £27,220: 1m) (7)

301	1011-11	KING OF CLUBS (D) (P Melton) I Balding 4-8-5	Pat Eddery	5
302	02/1122-	PEBBLES (D) (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 4-8-4	S Cauthen	4
304	1130-32	CENTENNIAL (D) (D Wildenstein) P Biancone (Fr) 4-8-0	G Mosse	3
305	002404-	FIERY CELT (D) (Mrs C Shattuck) N McGrath (Ire) 4-8-0	L Piggott	7
307	222110-	LUCKY NORTH (D) (Mrs R Du Pont) W Hern 4-8-0	W Carson	2
308	013114-	SARAB (F Salaman) P Cole 4-8-0	T Quinn	6
309	13/34-24	VACARME (D Wildenstein) P Biancone (Fr) 4-8-11	E Legrix	1

1984: no corresponding race

5-4 Pebbles, 3 King Of Clubs, 5 Vacarme, Sarab, 10 Fiery Celt, Centennial, 16 Lucky North.

FORM: KING OF CLUBS (8-1) beat Parliement (8-10) by a head at Newmarket (8f, £14,392, good, Apr 17, 8 ran). PEBBLES (8-7) neck 2nd to Palace Music (8-10) in Champion Stakes (Newmarket, 1m 2f, £88,040, good, Oct 20, 15 ran); earlier (8-0) 3l winner of 1,000 Guineas from Miss El-Reem (8-0) (Newmarket, 8f, £57,003, good to firm, May 3, 15 ran). CENTENNIAL (9-11) 1l 2nd to Triptych (8-0) at Bary with VACARME (8-11) 3l 4th to Mendez (8-11) at Longchamp (9f, £37,126, soft, Sep 9, 7 ran). Fiery Celt (8-6) 1l 4th to Roustlon (8-6) Goodwood (8f, £34,350, good to firm, Aug 25, 5 ran). SARAB (9-11) 2l 4th to Procida (9-11) at Longchamp (7f, £24,752, heavy, Oct 28, 10 ran).
Selection: PEBBLES.

3.40 AUDI GRAND PRIX DE CHASSE FINAL HUNTER CHASE (amateurs: £3,739: 3m 118 yd) (14)

401	111-121	ELMBOY (CD) (W Mawle) W Mawle 7-12-7	A Hill	
402	-1	GOLDEN CASINO (M Barthorpe) M Barthorpe 7-12-5	S Andrews	
403	22304-1	LITTLE BILSHAM (Mrs G Spratt) Mrs G Spratt 11-12-5	W Bryan	
404	0400-p1	GAME TRUST (C Nash) C Nash 8-12-0	I. Harvey	
405	232pu/u	MISTER BOSUN (W Scoden) W Goodwin 12-12-0	Mrs J Liston	
406	1020/pp-	TOWTAME (F Gilman) F Gilman 10-12-0	Miss C Saunders	
407	313p-02	WHIGGIE GEO (A Sanderson) Miss J Sanderson 13-12-0	N Tuby	
408		CASTLE ANDREA (D Jeffries) D Jeffries 7-11-9	D Jeffries	
409	p-3f	JIMMY THOMPSON (D Hockenhull) D Hockenhull 9-11-9	S Dickin	
410	3p3/.	MORE CULTURE (A Mason) A Mason 12-11-9	C Pigrim	
411		GUTSIDE CHANCE (S Staight) S Staight 8-11-9	G Staight	
412	43800/p-	SIR BOUNTIFUL (W Scoden) W Scoden 11-11-9	C Newport	
413		STANCOMBE LASS (Miss J Dean) Miss J Dean 10-11-9	S Crawford	
414	02x234/	YELLOW JERSEY (G Hamer) G Maher 9-11-9	P Hamer	

1984: Wiggie Geo 12-7 Mr A Hill (2-1 fav) W Mawle 14 ran.

4-5 Elmboy, 7 Wiggie Geo, 5 Game Trust, 6 Golden Casino, 10 Little Bilsham, 14 others.

FORM: ELMBOY (12-0) beat Border Burg (12-0) 12l at Cheltenham (3m 2f Hunt Ch, £7,507, good, Mar 14, 17 ran). GOLDEN CASINO (11-12) beat Master Beau (11-12) 6l at Huntingdon (3mi Nov Hunt Ch, £839, soft, Apr 8, 14 ran). LITTLE BILSHAM (12-0) beat Handy Mark (11-7) 6l at Hereford (2m 4f Hunt Ch, £856, soft, Mar 30, 10 ran). GAME TRUST (7s 9s-9) Bet Arctic Warbler (12-5) 5l a Stratford (2m 6f Hunt Ch, £771, good, Apr 20, 15 ran). WHIGGIE GEO (12-0) neck 2nd of 14 to Urser (12-7) at Southwell (3m Hunt Ch, £1,228, good to soft, Apr 4).
Selection: ELMBOY

4.10 ATHLONE HANDICAP (£3,074: 5f) (13)

501	10000-0	ALPINE STRINGS (CD) (K Hsu) R Armstrong 4-10-0	W Carson	4
502	20000-3	JACK TAR (T Chick) K Brassey 4-9-8	S Whitworth 3	6
503	402010-	DEPUTY HEAD (D) (P Callard) L Holt 5-9-4	J Matthias	1
504	04004-1	ARDROX LAD (D) (Sheikh Bin Zayed) M Blanshard 5-9-3	J Reid	7
506	00010-3	BERNARD SUNLEY (D) (Sunley Holdings) G Hunter 6-8-13	P Waldron	5
507	02423-0	DAWN'S DELIGHT (K Ivory) K Ivory 7-8-13	R Cochrane	13
508	40000-0	OUR DYNASTY (D) (B Hobson) M Lambert 4-8-12	Pat Eddery	9
509	210000-	FERRYMAN (D) (W Plummer) D Elsworth 9-8-12	S Rouse	2
510	003000-	ALL AGREED (D) (T Waterman) J Winter 4-8-10	W R Swinburn	10
512	0/?-	TRYFYN CLAN (D) (Rex Mead) G Balding 4-8-3	T Quinn	12
513	0410-20	LOCHTILLUM (D) (bf) (J D-Home) J Douglas-Home 8-7-12	P Robinson	3
514	0000-00	SCHULA (D) (J Greaves) H O' Neill 5-7-7	–	11
515	400000-	DURANDAL (D) (R Harris) D Wilson 8-7-7	T Williams 3	8

1984: no corresponding race.

4 Jack Tar, 5 Ardrox Lad, 6 All Agread, Bernard Sunley, 7 Dawn's Delight, 8 Lochtillum, 10 Deputy Head, 12 Alpine Strings, Ferryman, 14 others.

FORM: JACK TAR (9-10) 1l 3rd to Air Command (9-3) at Chepstow (6f, £6,087, soft, Apr 18, 13 ran). DEPUTY HEAD (8-7) beat Yangtse-Klang (7-7) 1½l at Ascot with ALPINE STRINGS (9-6) 2l away 5th, Ferryman (8-10) two short heads back in 7th and BERNARD SUNLEY (8-12), LOCHTILLUM (7-9) and DURANDAL (7-9) out of first 10 (5f, £9,385, good to soft, Oct 13, 22 ran). ALPINE STRINGS (9-7) 10th to Grey Desire (9-10) at Kempton this season; last year 3l behind ARDROX LAD (8-12) ¾l at Lingfield with DAWN'S DELIGHT (7-13) ¾l back in 3rd (6f, £3,376, good to firm, Jun 12, 12 ran). ARDROX LAD (9-3) beat Provideo (8-7) by a neck at Haydock (5f, £3,348 soft, Apr 3, 8 ran). ALL AGREED unplaced last time; earlier (9-6) 2l 3rd to Lady Tippins (7-12) a Newmarket (6f, £4,162, good to firm, Aug 24, 7 ran).
Selection: ALL AGREED.

4.40 CHILDWICK BURY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-y-o: £3,048: 1m, 2f) (19)

603	00-	CLARION LIGHT (J Philpott) B Hanbury 8-11	B Raymond	11
605	0-	DANSEUSE VERTE (A Clore) B Hills 8-11	R Hills	2
607	0	FLOWER OF SPRING (A Perry) G Lewis 8-11	P Waldron	14
608	3200-	GAY HELENE (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-11	W Carson	7
610	040-4	GREEN ROOM GAMBOLS (B Smeed) R Smyth 8-11	S Whitworth 3	4
611	03-	HOT FLUSH (Strangehurst Ltd) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	10
614	30-	KILINSKI (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 8-11	B Rouse	8
616	0	LUNDYLUX (Sir J O'Connell) R Hannon 8-11	A McGlone	9
617	4-	DEUF IVOIRE (S Niarchos) H Cecil 8-11	S cauthen	12
618	00-0	RELKUSA (Mrs J Thomson) W Wightman 8-11	M Miller	5
619	03-	ROMANTIC FEELING (H H Prince Yazid Saud) B Hills 8-11	B Thomson	3
620	00-0	SAGAREINA (K F Butler & Co Ltd) P Mitchell 8-11	J Matthias	13
622	32-	VIENNA BELLE (Mrs R Rittenberry) J Dunlop 8-11	Pat Eddery	19
623	0-0	VIRGINIA COURT (Sheikh Mohammed) J Clachanowski 8-11	J Mercer	18
625		GOLDEN GLINT (H Joel) H Cecil 8-7	N Day	16
626		NORTHERN ASPEN (A Paulson) C Douieb 8-7	A Lequeux	6
627		PACIFIC QUEEN (Mrs P Yong) G Lewis 8-7	J Reid	17
628		REVISIT (Lord Derby) J Winter 8-7	R Cochrane	15
629		SALLY BROWN (R Cowell) M Stoute 8-7	W R Swinburn	1

1984: Our Shirley 8-11 P Waldron (12-1) G Lewis 24 ran.

3 Gay Helene, 7-2 Caul Ivoire, 4 Sally Brown, 6 Northern Aspen, 8 Golden Glint, 10 Lundylux, 12 Hot Flush, 14 Romantic Feeling, Kilinski, Vienna Belle.

FORM: Gay Helene (8-9) 11½l 5th to Triptych (8-9) in France's top race for 2-yo fillies at Longchamp (6f, £24,752, soft, Oct 7, 9 ran). KILINSKI a disappointing favourite final start; earlier (8-8) 3½l 3rd to Kaikour (8-11) here on debut (7f, £3,110, good to firm Aug 31, 13 ran). LUNDYLUX (8-6) just over 6l 6th to Dalayna (8-13) at Salisbury on debut (7f, £5,903, heavy, Apr 13, 8 ran). DEUF IVOIRE (8-11) 6¼l 4th to Mickey Go (8-11) at Lingfield (7.5f, £3,141, heavy, Oct 29, 15 ran with SAGAREINA (8-11) out of first nine, ROMANTIC FEELING (8-8) 5¼l 3rd to Lord Grundy (8-11) at Newmarket (8f, £2,843, good to soft, Oct 15, 12 ran). VIENNA BELLE (8-11) 2l 2nd to Mary Davies (8-11) at Leicester (7f, £1,146, good to firm, Oct 22, 11 ran).
Selection: GAY HELLENE.

5.10 TUDOR STAKES (3-y-o: £2,859: 1m) (13)

4	0-	BOCCIONI (C St George) H Cecil 8-11	S Cauthen	4
5	020-	BOLDDEN (Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 8-11	W Carson	11
6	0	EL RAGGAAS (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11	A Murray	10
8	0	JAGGERY (Mrs H Cambenis) B Hobbs 8-11	J Baxter	9
9	04000-	LUCKY PIN (A Richards) D Hanley 8-11	S Hinch 5	8
10	-2-	MONDANITE (K Abdulla) J Tree 8-11	Pat Eddery	6
11		MONTPARNASSE (Mrs I Phillips) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	1
12	00-	PELEGRIN (Sir K Burt) M Jarvis 8-11	B Raymond	1
14	2	SUPREME LEADER (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 8-11	P Robinson	13
15	0-0	TABARDAR (H H Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 8-11	J Mercer	3
18		WASSL DANCER (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-11	B Rouse	2
19	0	ZABARUCCI (A Rachel) M McCormack 8-11

RACING

Vilikaia in demand for 1,000 Guineas

From Desmond Stoneham, Paris

Criquette Head gave her 1,000 Guineas hope, Vilikaia, her last serious work on Les Reservoir gallops at Chantilly on Wednesday morning and expressed herself "well pleased". Mme Head said: "I just hope the ground is not too soft at Newmarket because Vilikaia has a tremendous turn of foot."

Antarctica also completed her final work on the same gallops and she, too, has pleased her trainer, Patrick Biancone, whose 2,000 Guineas hope, Dreams To Reality, completes his preparation next Sunday.

Ladbrokes and Hills report substantial backing for Vilikaia in the 1,000 and both firms have cut her price from 20-1 to 14-1.

Lady Tamara, and Henri Samani, defeated Ahohoney a length in the group three Prix Corrida at Saint-Cloud yesterday with the former English filly Bonne Ile, three lengths away, in third place.

Well placed throughout the ten and a half furlongs event, Lady Tamara took the advantage off the long-time leader, Ahohoney, a furlong from home and went on to win without being put under pressure. The Irish filly, Meeting Adjourned, ridden by Lester Piggott, were well up until the straight, where they faded.

● Mark Dwyer, the winner rider of the Cheltenham Gold Cup and Scottish Grand National in recent weeks, will be out of action for at least a fortnight. Dwyer, who misses the ride on Andromia in Saturday's Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown, broke a collar bone in a fall at Punchestown yesterday. Andromia will now be ridden by Ron O'Leary.

Course specialists

SANDOWN

TRAINERS: W Hern 20 winners from 64 runners, 31.3%, M Stoute 28 from 115, 24.3%; H Cecil 12 from 51, 23.5%.

JOCKEYS: L Piggott 32 winners from 203 rides, 25.6%, W Carson 55 from 217, 25.3%; T Quinn 6 from 30, 20.0%.

THIRSK

TRAINERS: H Cecil 6 winners from 19 runners, 42.1%; W O'Gorman 9 from 30, 30.0%; T Barrow 11 from 41, 26.8%.

JOCKEYS: T Ives 12 from 96, 12.5%.

THIRSK

GOING: good

Draw: 5f, 6f, high numbers best; 7f-1m low.

2.15 BARTON COTTAGE STAKES (2-y-o: £2,162: 5f) (8 runners)

1	21	VILTASH (CD) J Etherington 9-4	M Wood	8
3	1	LOW FLYER (D) G Oldroyd 8-1	M Birch	3
5		DESAREMI T Barron 8-11	S Webster	1
7	01	FAYRUZ (D) W O'Gorman 9-1	T Ives	5
8	0	MR JESTER (B) Mrs N Macauley 8-11	A Mackay	6
10		TED WEST M W Easterby 8-11	K Hodgson	4
11		CREETOWN SALLY R Woodhouse 8-8	K Darley	7
12	0	GLENEARN M W Easterby 8-8	M Hindley	2

1984: Zantac 9-1 T Ives (7-4) R Hannon 7 ran.

Evens Fayruz, 11-8 Viltash, 7 Low Flyer, 10 Desarem, 16 others.

Thirsk selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Fayruz. 2.45 Northern Parade. 3.15 Camden Lock. 3.45 Paddycoup. 4.15 Corncharm. 4.45 Abha. 5.15 Silly Boy. 5.40 Just A Bit.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Fayruz. 2.45 Rattles Quay. 3.15 The Mississippian. 3.45 Paddycoup. 4.45 Abha. 5.15 The Game's Up.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 CAMDEN LOCK (nap)

2.45 NESS SELLING STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o: £1,008: 1m) (11)

3	31-60	NORTHERN PARADE (B) M W Easterby 9-2	M Hindley	5
5		GREEN MARKET A Robson 9-0	J Biasiolle	6
10	0-	MARINER'S BELL P Rohan 9-0	R Fahey	7
11	00-20	MASTER MARK (B) (BF) D Garraton 9-0	T Ives	1
12	0000-	MASTER OF MISCHIEF D Chapman 9-0	D Nicholls	2
13	0-00	MICKEY FINN (BF) M Lambert 9-0	D Oldham	10
16	00-0	PROHIBITION BOY J Smith 9-0	NON RUNNER	7
17	0	RAFFLES QUAY P Haslam 9-0	G Sexton	4
21	0000-	TOMTREDLEHOYLE S Norton 9-0	J Lowe	9
29	0-0	VICTORIA MISS W Wharton 8-11	R Fox	5
30	000-0	VINTAGE LADY R Whitaker 8-11	J H Brown	8

1984: Humbersyde Lady 8-8 M Rimmer (3-4 fav) G Huffer 18 ran.

5-2 Northern Parade, 3 Raffles Quay, 7-2 Master Mark, 5 Mickey Finn, 7 Victoria Miss, 8 Tomtredlehoyle, 14 others.

3.15 BROMPTON HANDICAP (£2,344: 1m 4f) (16)

2	00-00	THE MISSISSIPPIAN P Haslam 4-9-9	G Sexton	2
4	000-3	ARGES R Hollinshead 4-9-6	S Perks	10
5	20-14	GOLDEN FANCY I Vickers 5-9-5	M Hills	1
6	004-2	TOUR DE FORCE (B) (CD) P Makin 5-9-5	T Ives	5
8	300-0	RADWHAW J Etherington 4-9-1	M Wood	3
10	0-023	AIREDALE TRAVEL (BF) M W Easterby 4-9-0	M Birch	7
12	0-431	CAMDEN LOCK (CD) T Barron 4-8-12 (4 ex)	A Mackay	16
14	430-	OAKEN J W Watts 4-8-10	N Connorton	6
15	40-00	DON'T ANNOY ME R Whitaker 5-8-9	J H Brown	5
16	0200-	MOUNT RULE D Yeoman 5-8-4	-	14
18	000-0	HYPERION PRINCE W Wharton 4-8-1	R Fox	12
19	104-0	JOY OF MUSIC P Rohan 5-8-0	J Dunn	7
20	0/000-	SAINTLY LADY M Reddan 10-7-10	A Proud	8
21	0000-	RELIABLE VYNZ M Reddan 5-7-10	N Carlisle	4
22	0-420	BROON'S LADY K Stone 4-7-10	J Lowe	11
23	00-0	ESTEEM (B) D Chapman 5-7-10	S Griffiths	15

1984: Afzal 4-8-5 S Perks (3-1 jt fav) R Hollinshead 10 ran.

7-2 Airedale Travel, 9-2 Tour De Force, 5 Camden Lock, 6 Argas, 8 Golden Fancy, Radwhaw, 10 The Mississippian, Broon's Lady, 14 others.

3.45 BYWELL MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £1,061: 2m) (7)

2	0-2	JOIST M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield	3
4	3	PADDYCOUP P Davy 9-0	Paul Eddery	1
5	000-0	ROSSIM J Berry 9-0	K Darley	2
6	0-0	SEVERN MANOR W G Morris 9-0	J Williams	5
7	0-220	SMOKEY GEM R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	4
8	0	SPORTING MARINER G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey	6
9	00-0	MOUNT EPHRAIM G Harman 8-11	G P Kelly	7

1984: Water Cannon 9-0 M Hills (4-5 fav) J Hindley 8 ran.

2 Paddycoup, 11-4 Sporting Mariner, 4 Joist, 7 Smokey Gem, 12 Rossim, 16 Severn Manor, 20 Mount Ephraim.

4.15 HICKLETON HANDICAP (£2,254: 6f) (10)

1	000-0	RAMBLING RIVER (B) (D) W A Stephenson 8-9-10	J Lowe	1
3	1000-	KAREN'S STAR (CD) D Chapman 8-9-6	S Griffiths	5
6	31-33	BATONI (CD) (BF) M H Easterby 6-8-13	M Birch	2
9	00-04	COINCIDENTAL (CD) M Lambert 3-8-11	G Duffield	7
11	01-12	CORNCHARM (B) (BF) M McCormack 4-8-6	N Howe	4
13	4400-	GOOD N SHARP G Calvert 4-8-5	I. Chamock	10
14	2338-	PLAYTEX (CD) W Clarke 5-8-4	R Street	3
15	00-00	REMEMBRANCE Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 4-8-4	Wendy Jones	6
16	02-01	CHAPLINS CLUB D Chapman 5-8-3 (7 ex)	Paul Eddery	9
18	0000-	LADY OF LEISURE I Vickers 4-8-0	M Hills	8

1984: Willie Gan 6-9-0 D Leadbitter (10-1) Denys Smith 13 ran.

9-4 Corncharm, 7-2 Chaplins Club, 4 Batoni, 11-2 Rambling River, 7 Coincidental, 10 Karen's Star, 14 others.

4.45 ABBEY LANDS STAKES (3-y-o: £1,773: 6f) (17)

2	0-210	LONDON I FADER (D) (BF) M Brittain 9-3	B Coogan	16
3	11	ABI'A (D) H Cecil 9-0	Paul Eddery	2
8		GREAT RELATIVE J Glover 8-11	D McKeown	8
9	04-	HANDCLAP J W Watts 8-11	T Ives	6
11		LARANJA M W Easterby 8-11	M Birch	1
12	0	LOCHABBEY Mrs N Macauley 8-11	A Mackay	15
13	34-	LORD HIPPO R Houghton 8-11	R Fox	11
18	0-	PORTAL DANCER F Carr 8-11	J Carr	12
21	0-00	STEPPED SEAL D Garraton 8-11	-	17
25		EASY GAL Hbt Jones 8-8	M Hills	7
28	000-0	FRIENDLY WONDER F Watson 9-9	D Leadbitter	13
33	000-3	HELEN SHIKARI G Blum 8-8	G Duffield	3
35	000-	MELINA T Barron 8-8	S Webster	9
39	000-	SELETER M Camacho 8-8	O Gray	4
40	000-0	SUDDEN LIGHT (B) Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 8-8	J Williams	14
41	0000-	VALRACH R Hollinshead 8-8	W Ryan	10
42		WHITE FLAG G Oldroyd 8-8	M Wood	5

1984: Hay Street 8-12 W Ryan (5-1) Mrs C Reavey 17 ran.

4-9 Abha, 9-2 Lord Hippo, 6 Handclap, 12 London Leader, 14 Laranja, 16 others.

5.15 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£1,059: 1m) (18)

1	0133	O I OYSTON (D) J Berry 9-10-0	J Carol	4
2	001-2	SILLY BOY (D) N Bycroft 5-9-12	M Richardson	16
3	00-02	ROWOSS (CD) R Whitaker 7-9-11	P Doughty	11
4	0140-	THE GAME'S UP P Haslam 4-9-10	J Scally	12
6	0104-	ELARIM (CD) T Fairhurst 6-9-5	M Taylor	5
8	031-0	SPRING PURSUIT (D) P Makin 4-9-0	R Fahey	17
9	0-634	SPIGOT SHAFT Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 5-8-13	Wendy Jones	1
10	0-002	MURILLO (B) F Carr 9-8-12	J Carr	18
12	000-4	WHISTLEDOWNWIND M Usher 4-8-11	J Carter	8
13	00-00	DUALITY PRINCE (D) W G Morris 4-8-10	-	

1-2 County Player, 6 An-Go-Look, 8 Cyprus Sky, 10 Fare Love, 14 Des Park, Day After

3.15 RED COAT HANDICAP CHASE (£1,725: 2m 4f 70yd) (11)

1	p30	Kyde 7-11 13	S Smith Eccles
2	418	Young Lover 7 11 9	B de Haan
4	221	Scottish Sound 9-10-12	R Linley
5	38p	Golden Friend 7 10-11	S Morshead
6	3/3	Hill Of Slane 9-10-9	T Jarvis 4
7	304	Celtic Brew 8-10-7	H Davies
10	122	Emmabel 11-10-0	P Warner
12	0s0	Dennis Auburn 8-10-0	R Crank
13	p/p0	Royal Friend 11-10-0	M Caswell 4
14	432	Badakar 10-10-0	David Eddery 7
17	00-00	NATINA—MAY D Moffatt 4-9-1	R Lappin 3

1984: Gay Meadow 5-7-3 R Lappin (16-1) R Hollinshead 15 ran.

7-2 Silly Boy, 9-2 O I Oyston, Romoss, 6 Murillo, 15-2 Blann, 10 The Game's Up, Gay Meadow, 14 Spring Pursuit, 16 others.

5.40 NESS SELLING STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o: £1,008: 1m) (11)

1	00-00	MALOWSKI (B) M Brittain 9-5	S Coogan	6
2	30-01	JUST A BIT (B) (C) M W Easterby 9-2	M Hindley	5
4	0-232	RUN EASY I Vickers 9-2	M Hills	7
6	00-	BRIGHT FELLOW D Thom 9-0	N Connorton	11
9	000-0	HAPPY CAISH W Bentley 9-0	G Duffield	4
14	0000-	MISTER PETARD (B) N Tinkler 9-0	Kim Spink	7
19	000-0	SMITHS BOY R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	1
20	0-00	STAR OF HAROME M Lambert 9-0	P Burke	3
23	000-0	HYMNODY C Gray 8-11	O Gray	10
24	00	IT HAPPENS W Wharton 8-11	R Fox	2
26	00-30	RED HOUSE LADY T Barrow 8-11	S Webster	9

1984: No corresponding race

7-4 Just A Bit, 11-4 Red House Lady, 5 Run Easy, 8 Malowski, 10 Smiths Boy, 12 others.

BANGOR

GOING: good

1.45 ROYALTY NOVICE CHASE (Div I: £960: 2m 160yd) (10 runners)

5	018	Tallyrand 6-11-12	G Jones
8	11-p	Battle 9-11-5	J Suthern
10	6/2/	Cons 7-11-5	R Crank
11		Jokarow (B) 9-11-5	K Burke 7
20	1/60	Light Soulzeme 7-11-5	G Williams 4
21	108	Marked Man 6-11-5	Peter Hobbs
22	0/p0	My Dry Boy 8-11-5	A Webb
23	029-	No Further 10-11-5	M Dimock
24	060-	Scottish Highway 9-11-0	D Fisher 4
37	000	Pamela 5-10-5	J Bryan

6-4 Tallyrand, 9-4 Battle, 4 Light Sentence, 8 No Further, 10 Cons, 12 Marked Man.

2.15 MATES GORSE NOVICE HURDLE (£840: 2m 80yd) (18)

3	021	French Union 7-11-7	P Scudamore
5	180	Rose Zada 5-11-7	C Smith
7	844	Another Special 7-11-2	C Cowley
9	018	Strawmyrd 5-11-2	S Smith Eccles
13	00	Broomhills Boy 5-11-0	Miss D Jones
16	pp	Glen Rose 6-11-0	R Linley
18	9	Great Trip 5-11-0	G Newman
20	6	Master Bara 5-11-0	-
27	333	Merry Jane 4-10-10	K Burke 7
28	8	Balerama 6-10-9	NON-RUNNER
29	0	Diamond Dancer 9-10-9	M Pearn 7
31	0s2	Elusive Spirit 5-10-9	S Morshead
32	p/0	Golden Danny 5-10-9	J Watson 7
33	p/p	Duncan's Chief 7-10-9	R Stronge
37	0422	Devonview Hustler 4-10-6	NON-RUNNER
38	000-	Mist 4-10-6	S J O'Neill
41	003	Staaltas 4-10-6	P Dever
43		Inghyltach 4-10-3	M Caswell 2

3 Merry Jane, 4 French Union, 5 Elusive Spirit, 7 Staaltas, Brunerai

2.45 ROYALTY NOVICE CHASE (Div II: £960: 2m 160yd) (10)

1	021	County Player 8-11-12	J Suthern
9	04-p	Bergluft 9-11-5	-
11	406-	Cushy File 8-11-5	P Warner
12	088	Cyprus Sky 8-11-5	S J O'Neill
13	003	Day After 9-11-5	G Jones
14	0s0	Bee Park (B) 10-11-5	R Dickin
15	200	Fare Love 5-11-5	-
16	040-	Handy Gray 7-11-5	Mr J Cambridge 4
28	y00	Au-Go-Look 8-11-0	P Scudamore
31	43p	Looking For Gold 7-11-0	G Williams 4

1-2 County Player, 6 An-Go-Look, 8 Cyprus Sky, 10 Fare Love, 14 Des Park, Day After

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6	3/3	Hill Of Slane 9-10-9	T Jarvis 4
7	304	Celtic Brew 8-10-7	H Davies
10	122	Emmabel 11-10-0	P Warner
12	0s0	Dennis Auburn 8-10-0	R Crank
13	p/p0	Royal Friend 11-10-0	M Caswell 4
14	432	Badakar 10-10-0	Mr R J Beggan
17	p0/	Bassali 9-10-0	-

9-4 Scottish Sound, 3 Young Lover, 9-2 Emmabel, 5 Hadaar, 7 Kyoto, 10 Golden Friend.

3.45 MAESFEN NOVICE HURDLE (£769: 2m 4f) (9)

4	221	Star Burst 8-11-8	C Cowley 7
8	533	Classed 8-11-1	-
21	0	Darrigan'a Best 5-11-1	R Crank
27	831	Bartinda 7-10-10	S Morshead
30	408-	Crashgill 8-10-10	W Worthington 7
32	0/6	Topellas Seann 6-10-10	Dai Williams
33	838	Basket Weave 4-10-8	T Jarvis 4
35	0	Meadows Lad 4-10-8	M Caswell 4
37	828	Ziggurat 4-10-8	J O'Neill

5-2 Star Burst, 3 Clanrad, 4 Banaude, 5 Ziggurat, 7 Basket Weave, 12 Crackerjil

4.15 CROSS FOXES STAYERS NOVICE CHASE (Div I: £960: 3m 200yd) (10)

4	142	Carefined Mazarde 11-11-11	Peter Hobbs
7	212	Small Money 8-11-5	S Morshead
9	03p	Barbay 10-11-4	R Stronge
12	0r	Cardina Spirit 6-11-4	R Crank
18	Nkr	Say Calypso 8-11-4	P Barton
17	60-p	Baldrow 5-11-4	J Bryan
22	8p0	Cuilart Hill 5-11-4	R Dunwoody
26	650	Rebecrafe 8-11-4	P Scudamore
29	4pt	Woodlands General 7-11-4	C Mann
33	00/	Valiant 8-10-13	S Earle 4

11-8 Small Money, 2 Cuilart Hill, 5 Belbus, 8 Cardenal Mazarin, 14 Rebecrafe.

4.45 CROSS FOXES STAYERS NOVICE CHASE (Div II: £960: 3m 200yd) (9)

3	031	Brandulas Lad 12-11-11	S McNeill
5	19l-	Leander 7-11-11	P Barton
6	0p0	Only For Love 9-11-11	P Scudamore
11	202	Cavaleo Boy (B) 9-11-4	S J O'Neill
13	000	Donilson 8-11-4	C Mann
19	004	Jimmy Martin (B) 8-11-4	G Bradley
28	000	Somersdale Special 8-11-4	-
35	0/0	Oldbarrell 8-10-13	Mr Dos Williams 7
36	040	Lady Shot 6-10-13	R Dunwoody

2 Brougham Lad, 5-2 Jimmy Martin, 3 Only For Love, 6 Cardino Boy, 8 Leander, 14 Lady Shot.

5.15 YELLOW COLLAR HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,035: 2m 80yd) (14)

2	06p	Patrick's Fate 9-11-7	R Dunwoody
3	142	Refrangible 5-11-6	T Jarvis 4
4	000	Ally Mayer 5-11-1	R Hyett
12	02/	Merlan Lass (B) 8-10-9	J Suthern
13	91p	Wallace 5-10-7	-
14	000	Lucky Mistake (B) 8-10-6	R Linley
15	432	Belladi (B) 8-10-5	R Stronge
16	22/p	Hawkeye Will 7-10-5	-
17	10s	Teejay 5-10-5	R Hatfield 7
18	440	Kilsyth 6-10-5	M Coleman 4
24	3P0-	Silver Allusions 7-10-0	W Morris
26	200	Hence Released 5-10-0	J Cowley 4
27	000	Mona Kid 6-10-0	S J O'Neill
31	0r6	Replace 8-10-0	R Crank

2 Bunampour, 3 Bellachi, 9-2 Melon Lane, 6 Patrick's Fate, 8 Welfarm, Teejay

BANGOR SELECTIONS: (By Mandarin): 1.45 Tallyrand. 2.15 Merry Jane. 2.45 County Player. 3.15 Kyoto. 3.45 Star Burst. 4.15 Small Money. 4.45 Only For Love. 5.15 Bunampour

HEXHAM

GOING: Good

2.30 FOX HANDICAP CHASE (£914: 2m) (8 runners)

4	34p	Dandy Duke 10-11-7	R Lamb
5	063	Straight Down 8-11-4	C Hawkins
6	122	Percipient 11-11-3	D Cosgrave 4
9	612	Coeur Vaillant 7-10-7	Mr M Thompson 7
11	003-	Crosskeys 10-10-3	Mr P Craggs
12	230	Tailored To Taste 6-10-0	J J O'Neill
13	s24	Brown Hawker 9-10-0	R Earnshaw
15	442	Mr Pouppe 10-10-0	B Storey

7-4 Percipient, 3 Tailored To Taste, 6-2 Straight Down, 5 Coeur Vaillant, 8 Dusky Duke, 12 Brown Hawker.

3.0 ROCKIN' HORSE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£929: 2m 4f) (16)

1	06-p	Mr'gansy Nap 7-12-0	D Corbett 7
5	p0/0	Tell Us Another 8-10-11	-
6	333	Baby 6-10-7	J K Kinane
8	480	Technical Merit 6-10-6	S McNeill
9	28p	Not Easy 5-10-6	P A Charlton
10	1-39	Nostil 10-10-5	Mr P Bee 7
11	1-p0	Cherbyglas (B) 8-10-5	J J O'Neill
12	483	Counting Boy (B) 8-10-2	-
13	p0p	Dorni (B) 4-10-1	J Hanson
14	428	Ascot Again (B) 9-10-0	P Tuck
16	66p	Mysanne Dp 9-10-0	D Dutton
17	606	This Ones For You 8-10-0	-
		Mr M Thompson 7	
19	0-60	The Chosen One (B) 11-10-0	T Heaney
27	662	Westward Talbot 8-10-0	A Murphy 7
28	p0-6	Misty Mirage 5-10-0	-
29	600	Little Tyrant (B) 8-10-0	S Charlton

3 Ascot Again, 4 Raby, 11-2 Westward Talbot, 13-2 Ha'penny Nap, Counting Boy, 8 Tell Us Another.

3.30 CRITERION HANDICAP CHASE (£1,259: 3m) (11)

1	2-66	Good Crack 8-12-7	C Pimlott
3	p0s	Cardoe 11-11-0	K Wyle
4	41/	Solo Sam 13-10-13	A Stringer
5	662	Ben's Fly 10-10-13	P A Charlton
6	1ps	Virginia Road 9-10-12	P Tuck
7	462	Jolliwitz Rose 7-10-5	NON-RUNNER
8	4pp	Twilight 10-10-4	R Earnshaw
10	340	Loxton 10-10-3	K Durkin 4
12	1pp	Magpie Rose 9-10-1	D Cosgrave 4
14	pp0	The Engineer 12-10-0	J J O'Neill
15	pp6	Artesun 10-10-0	J Hanson

5-2 Ben's Fly, 100-30 Jolliwitz Rose, 5 Good Crack, 7 Solo Sam, 10 Virginia Road, Meggies Dene, 12 others.

4.0 JOHN McKIE (amateurs: £735: 2m 4f) (13)

1	462	Go Leave 8-12-0	T Reed
3	116	Newmarket Sausage 4-10-11	G Harker 4
4	p6l	Strath Leader 7-10-10	-
5	512	Monsignorita 7-10-6	P A Caldwell 7
6	6630	Trial 8-10-7	J Wiles 7
7	663	Acoustics 7-10-4	P J Dun
11	24/p	Tadgale 12-10-0	Mrs G Rees 4
12	p62	Jondale 8-10-0	R Hanley 7
15	120	Wide Missouri 5-10-0	-
22	38	Talagrugh Bank 8-10-0	K Henderson 7
23	000	Another Frame 8-10-0	M Thomson 7
24	p-00	Bedford View 5-10-0	E Wiggott 7
25	13p/	Tabadabad 9-10-0	Miss E Tetley 7

11-4 Newmarket Sausage, 4 Jondale, 11-2 Tial, Wide Missouri, 13-2 Go Leave, 8 Monsignorita.

4.30 COACH & HORSES NOVICE CHASE (£866: 2m) (15)

1	3-11	Back In Action 6-11-10	D Cordell 7
2	200	Sarsgaard 7-11-10	D Coakley 4
4	264	Avon Oak (B) 8-11-13	J K Kinane
7	453	Cawker Dyke 9-11-3	D Dutton
8	224	Jones Diver 8-11-3	C Hawkins
9	000	Fast Nelson 7-11-3	Mr P J Dun
10	63-4	Instant Freeze 8-11-3	P Tuck
12	0p4	Lazy Boots (= 10-11-3	T Heaney
14	6p0	Little Sambaal 8-11-3	P A Charlton
17	pp3	Pointel 8-11-3	T G Dun
18	0p5-	Right Charlie 10-11-3	Mrs V Jackson 4
20	240	Tarbigger 888 8-11-3	B Storey
21	43p	Mandalite (B) 9-10-12	A Stringer
23	042	Burglars Walk 5-10-10	C Grant
24	664	Friendly Bobby 5-10-10	C Fairhurst

9-4 Back In Action, 3 Diana River, 4 Cawker Dyke, 11-2 Burglars Walk, 8 Avon Oak, 12 others.

5.0 GLOBE MAIDEN HURDLE (fillies & mares: £696: 2m 4f) (21)

4	384	Banners Gone 5-11-7	T G Dun
6	00	Dizzy Dora 5-11-7	J Goulding
12	000	Fellow Time 5-11-7	D Cordell 7
13	p	Frayland 5-11-7	P A Farrell 7
14	p	Gallopina Garganoza 6-11-7	-
15	b	Granddaughter's Folly 7-11-7	-
17	p00	Grey Lil 5-11-7	NON-RUNNER
18		Just Diamonds 5-11-7	D Coakley 4
19	66	Kings Jay 5-11-7	B Storey
20	b	Lisa Blossom 5-11-7	C Hawkins
22	00/0	Lucasney 7-11-7	-
23	p/60	March Fly 5-11-7	P A Charlton
24	000	Mount Nugent 5-11-7	R Earnshaw
25	0	On That Mr 5-11-7	C Pimlott
27	pu	Shenadoo 7-11-7	A Stringer
31		Spuds Again 5-11-7	Mr P J Dun
33	02	Wisecracker 5-11-7	J J O'Neill
35	p	Nursey 4-11-0	-
36	0286	Cobby Castle 4-11-0	S McNeill
39	b	Icecage 4-11-0	Mr P Johnson 7
40	p	Pristine 4-11-0	M Pepper

18-11 Miranacina, 2 Mount Nugent, 12 Barrow Burn, Cobby Castle, 16 Spain Again.

MEGHAN SELECTIONS: (By Mandarin): 2.30 Straight Down, 3.0 Clarrington. 3.30 Good Crack. 4.0 On Leave. 4.30 Back In Action. 5.0 Wainracine.

Point-to-point winners

TIVERTON STAG HOUNDS: Huntking Morn. Open: Dull Light. Ladies: Withen Wood. Res: Eastwood Hill. Adj: Tinkers Quest. Mdse: White Supreme.

Blinkered first time

THIRSK: 2.15 Mr Jester. SANDOWN: 2.35 Dragon Palace.

BOOK REVIEW

More than just vital statistics

By Phil McLennan

Trainers Record, Flat Edition, 1985 (Trainers Record, £12).

What is the most significant riding arrangement on the flat? According to *Trainers Record* it is the booking of Steve Cauthen by David Elsworth. If you had backed this combination to a level stake last season, you would have made a profit of more than 33 points on an outlay of 20 points. Or, put another way, a profit of 165 per cent pre-tax.

As the same team yielded a profit of 34 points the previous season, and this was pointed out in the 1984 Flat edition of *Trainers Record*, regular readers of this excellent annual have only themselves to blame if they failed to take advantage.

The recently-published 1985 edition of *Trainers Record* provides a statistical breakdown on all those who trained one winner or more in 1984.

However, *Trainers Record* is more than just page after page of mind-boggling statistics. The strength of this thirteenth Flat annual, as with its predecessors, are the entertaining commentaries which increase in length relative to the success of the trainer.

The commentaries provide clues as to each trainers favourite courses, the riding arrangements to watch for, the best time of year to support horses from a certain stable and, equally important, the trainers to leave alone.

Interesting though the commentaries undoubtedly are, I cannot say I agreed with all the assertions therein. For example, I do not share their views that: "sprint handicappers are not quite the material for gamblers"; last year's milers were "a vintage crop"; "Trojan Fen was wisely not tested after winning the Queen Anne Stakes".

Whatever your opinions on these points, there is no doubt that there have been 50 classics in the last 10 years (not 40); that Bill Wightman trains at Upham not Southampton; and that David Arbuthnot certainly does not train in Lancashire.

Geography is clearly not a strong point of the Melplash team but these errors should not be allowed to detract from the fact that, at £12, the same price as last year, *Trainers Record* represents outstanding value for the serious racing student.

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Rover keeps its promise of a better ride

It is not often that a manufacturer launches a new car and then admits in the same breath that criticism of its ride is justified. But that is what happened last June when Austin Rover presented the Rover 213 replacement for the Honda designed Triumph Acclaim. The suspension was altogether too busy giving a very fussy ride.

But such candour comes like a breath of fresh air in an industry where the slightest hint of a shortcoming is greeted with torrents of denial. In Austin Rover's case its admission was qualified by the news that when a bigger engined version was introduced in a few months time the suspension would be improved.

That promise has been kept. The new Rover 216 with the Longbridge made 1.6 litre "S" engine replacing the Honda 1.3 unit is altogether more tauter thanks to devised spring, damper and anti-roll bar settings. New linear rate rear springs now replace the existing progressive rate springs and bump stops. What is more, the smaller 213 gets similar treatment.

It is too bad for buyers of the original 213 but at least Austin Rover acted comendably quickly to keep their number to a minimum.

I have just spent a week driving the most exciting of the new Rovers the 216 Vitesse, costing £7,898. As fitted to the Vitesse Vanden Plas versions the "S" series engine develops a respection 103 bhp and will push the Viteese up to 112 mph passing 60 mph in 9.2 seconds. It accelerates smoothly and swiftly thanks to a close ratio five speed Honda gear box which makes overtaking a much less hazardous chore.

Fifth gear is, however, the equivalent of top gear in a four speed box and that means the engine is buzzing rather too much for my liking at motorway speeds. I think I might prefer the £7,797 Vanden Plas which has the same fule-injected engine but a wider ratio box in which fifth is a true overdrive. I am hedging my bets a little because until I have driven a VP for a few days I would like to reserve final judgement.

There is another subtle but important difference between the two. The Vitesse is fitted with an anti-roll bar at the rear as well as a larger diameter bar at the front. It also sports wider section tyres on 14-inch alloy wheels. The result is a car which handles like a well set up sports car yet manages to provide a well cushioned ride. I somehow doubt if the VP can match that unusual combination.



The Rover 216 Vitesse: attractive and exciting

Of course the ideal compromise would be the VP's wide ratio box as an option in the Vitesse. Alas we cannot have everything – or can we?

The very high boot line of the 200 Series does not please all eyes. One of my colleagues describes it as "aggressively square". I find it most attractive giving the small Rover a more sporty, wedge shaped look than the original Honda Ballada on which it is based. It also makes possible one of the deepest and most voluminous boots around, so deep that several large suticases can be carried side by side like books on a library shelf.

There is a wealth of competition in the £7,000 to £8,000 sector with all manufacturers offering a wide choice of engines and equipment. However, the Vitesse offers the unusual combinaton of traditional Rover solidarity and comfort in a performance car. Walnut vencer, plush grey velvet seats allied to central locking, electric windows, tinted glass and a three band stereo radio/cassette player with four speakers make it an equally attractive buy for the up and coming executive and those about to retire, but refusing to let advancing years dampen their love of fast cars.

Vital statistics

Model: Rover 216 Vitesse
Price: £7,898
Engine: 1598cc, 4 cylinder fuel injected
Performance: Max speed 112 mph; 0-60 mph, 9.2 secs
Official fuel consumption: Urban, 33.2 mpg; 56 mph, 50.4 mpg; and 75 mph, 39.9 mpg
Length: 13.6ft
Insurance Group 5

Kit Capri compromise

The legal battle between Mr Simon Saunders, aged 31, the car stylist, and his former employers Tickford, the Milton Keynes based coach building specialists, has ended in a compromise which permits a restyled Kat Capri to be sold in competition with the older established Tickford Capri.

Mr Saunders left Tickford a couple of years ago to set up his own business, Kat Designs, also in Milton Keynes. In March 1984 he presented a Capri conversion which Tickford claimed was an infringement of copyright because it was based on his former work with them.

An out of court settlement in January required Mr Saunders to hand over the moulds used to produce the plastic panels which transform the dated looking Ford Capri into an aggressive road burner with ground hugging front air dam, side panels and rear spoiler. He was also required to show drawings and prototypes of any new Capri parts planned in future.

Now only three months later Kat Capri Mark 2 (below) is ready for sale in completed form or as a series of kits enabling Capri owners to do the transformation work at home. The most noticeable difference is the way the new side panels fit over the lower half of the existing doors enabling the lines of the front and back airdams to flow the whole length of the car.

A factory painted and fitted job will cost £999 but the nine panels used can be bought for £459. For the driver who wants this fearse beast to live up to its appearance there is also a 200 bhp turbo conversion of the standard 2.8 fuel injected Ford engine for £1,550. Another £1,400 will give you a driver selectable 2 stage boost which puts the power up 230 bhp giving the Kat a top speed said to be in excess of 150 mph with a 0-60 mph time of less than 6 seconds.



Powered windows

About five years ago Smith's Industries launched a do-it-yourself electric window system known as Servoglide. It was not successful mainly because of the frequency with which the electric motor expired. This week Lucas, who acquired Smiths aftermarket business in 1983, is returning with a completely re-engineered version of Servoglide using a Lucas designed and built slim-line motor which fits easily behind a door panel.

They have already sold it to two truck manufacturers and a number of companies converting standard cars for disabled drivers. A kit for one window retails at a fraction under £100 which the makers say is about half the price of an electric widow ordered as an optional extra when buying a new car.

How easy is it to instal? Lucas tell me the average handyman could fit one in four hours. My experience of such claims suggests that if you set aside best part of a weekend and do it in less you do not feel quite so despondent when the inevitable snag crops up.

An easier job to tackle would be repairing an exhaust silencer using a new system called Flexiwrap. Put at its simplest it is a strip of stainless steel sheet with a heat resistant backing which is wrapped around the silencer and clamped into place with a clip which is then squeezed tightly with a screwdriver. Self adhesive glass fibre "ropes" make the ends gas tight.

The repair strips are so thin they can be trimmed with ordinary household scissors and that sounds like a much better idea than some of the more messy paste-based systems. Flexiwrap costs between £2.2 and £4.45 plus value-added tax and should be available from most accessory shops including Halfords.

Footnote: So many readers are now writing in for advice about selecting their next new cars and problems encountered with ther present one and a whole host of other subjects that I cannot possibly reply to them all. However, I will from time to time attempt to cover the most frequently raised matters in this column. But please keep writing. Correspondence is my lifeline to the most important person in this whole publicity dominated industry – the private motorist.

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BIRTHS

ABOUSSINA–On April 18 to Louise (nee Kamocrousis) and Maher a beautiful daughter Suzanne Marcelle Asaad.

ANDREWS – On April 21st, Mallingough, Wiltshire to Melanie (nee Searby) and Nicolas, a son, Peter Henry Cavendish.

BUTTERFIELD – On April 22nd to Lindsey (nee Treen) and Neil, a son, James Phillip.

DEAN – On April 22nd at West London Hospital to Fiona (nee Mackenzie) and Anthony a daughter, Katherine Anne Margaret, a sister to James and William.

DELPECH – On 24th April, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Clare (nee Lloyd) and Roger, a daughter, a sister for Sophie, Emma and Milly.

GILCHRIST. – On 24th April at SMH Rhiein, to Sarah Jane (nee Poyntz) and Peter, a son (Alexander).

GRANT–On April 22 1985, to Clare and Andrew a son, a brother for Angus and Hannah.

HENNIKER-MAJOR – On 22nd April, to Lesley (nee Foster) and Major Ian, a son, Edward George Major, brother to Jessica, Josephine, Harriet and Frederick.

HOLROYD – On April 25th at Glenesgis Hospital, Skegpore, to Julia (nee Carrow) and Charles – a son, Thomas Alistair.

NEWELL-HANSON – On 19th April in Connecticut USA to Sarah Newell and Paul Hanson a daughter Catherine Frances.

SIRMAN – On April 19 at Peterborough GP unit, to Christine & Peter – a son Christopher Edward, brother to James.

STEVENSON – On April 20th to Rosalind (nee Coupar) & Roger, a daughter, Sarah, a sister for Elizabeth and Catherine.

TATE. – On April 24th, at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh to Nadya (nee Greer) and Nicholas, a son Oliver Lancelot, a brother for Emily and Louisa.

WADE – On April 17th at Lister Hospital Stevenage to Lucy (nee Standring) and Michael – a son and heir, Harry James.

BIRTHDAYS

ALISON HOAD. – Congratulations and the best of luck with your exams. Love Steven.

DAVID – Happy Birthday darling and a really happy year. Forever yours Ann. XxOo.

SIMEON J. WILLETTS. Born at The Warneford Hospital, Leamington Spa, 26.4.64 and now residing at Cropredy, Tarr, Aberdeen. Congratulations and love from the family.

DEATHS

AISTROP–On April 23 in her 92nd year, Ethel Mary, widow of late Ethel. Funeral Paignton Cemetery 2.30pm. Tuesday 30 April 1985.

BEEVOR–On April 25 1985 Violet Babington wife of Cecil Thomas Ashworth Beevor of Bridge End, aged 88 years, Cremation service 2pm Monday April 29 at Great Yarmouth Crematorium. Gorleston. Family flowers only to A Jary and Sons, Great Yarmouth please.

BISHOP – On 22nd April 1985, peacefully at home, 1 Charles Close, Turvey, Bedford, Christopher Marshall, dearly loved husband of Jacqueline. Service at All Saints Church, Turvey on Tuesday, 30th April at 11am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Diabetic Research Fund, The Oswald Lister Torbes, Middlesex Hospital, London W1.

BOVILL – On April 24th, 1985, peacefully at home, Marjorie Joan, widow of Major William Frederick Bovill, much loved mother of Bris, Miles and Rex. Funeral private.

BRUM – On April 24th at home, Robert Brum, OBE, JP, of S. Hadley Grove, Barnet, Herts. Beloved husband of Anne, father of Edward and Liz, pa-in-law to Wendy. Funeral private, memorial service at St. John the Baptist, Cowling Barnet on Friday, May 17th at 3pm. Donations in his memory to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, PO Box 123, Lincolns Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX.

BRYAN – On April 23 1985, peacefully after a short illness at an Eastbourne nursing home, John (Jack) Lindsay Bryan, aged 86 years. Private cremation at Eastbourne Crematorium on Thursday 2nd May followed by thanksgiving service at St John's Church at 3pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to the Arthritis & Rheumatism Council, 6-10, Charing Cross Road, WC2.

COPLAND – On April 23rd, 1985, Alexander Amundsen (Sandy), at home, Nether Cricket, 160 Lake Terrace, Taupo, New Zealand. Darling husband of Lola and most beloved father of Nicola, Dee-dee, Julie and Martine, dear father-in-law of John, Michael and Nicholas, and a much loved grandfather to all his grandchildren. All enquiries to Nether Cricket.

CURRIE, RITA MAY. – Much loved wife of Robert Gordon, mother of the late Ann Odone, and grandmother of Tony, Sebastian, Annabel and Benedict, on 20 April after a long illness. Flowers to Longbrook, 21 Kingston Road, Ewell, Surrey, for cremation on 29 April at 14.00

ELLIS – Edward Henry, suddenly at his home, Highview, Peak, aged 84, on April 24th. Sadly missed by his family and many friends. Cremation Salisbury Crematorium, 11.30 Tuesday, April 30th. Funeral arrangements, Hill & Son, Mere, Wiltshire.

GIFFORD – On 25th April 1985 peacefully at home Hilda Margaret, 158 Crewhill Gardens, Edinburgh, much loved aunt of Jock & Sandy Service at Morton Hall Crematorium Edinburgh Chapel on Tuesday 30th April at 1.45.

GORDON – H. C. (Jock) MA, BSC Lecturer at Britanic Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, suddenly in Ireland on Tuesday 23rd April. Cremation at Torbay Crematorium Thursday May 2nd at 2pm. Requiem Mass at RNC at 11am that day. Donations if desired to RNLI c/o R.C. Pillar Funeral Directors, Dartmouth

HANSON – On April 23th after a short illness, Carola Mary (nee Havers) of The Shaw Cottage, Brailed, Chart, Westerham, Kent and formerly of Waterham, Oxford. Widow of Lancaster Birley, Oxford. Widow of Lancaster Birley, Oxford. Wife of Christopher, David and Oliver, William (Lars) and mother of Funeral service at St. Martin's Church, Brasted on Monday, 29th April at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation.

LACK–On April 23 aged 90 years Mary Kerr Lack, loved sister of Victor Lack & dear aunt of Richard & Jeremy Lack & Andrew Vaughan. Funeral service at Stopsley Crematorium Luton Wednesday 1st May 1pm. Family flowers only donations if desired for RSPB c/o E H Crouch 23a Hitchin Street, Baldock 893197.

LAWS. – On April 23rd, Pamela, wife of John and mother of James and Susan, peacefully at Kings College Hospital. Private funeral. No flowers please.

MASSIE–On April 24 at home Antony (Tony) of Birch Tree Farm, Elmsted, Ashford, Kent. Beloved husband of Adine and dear Dad of Sandy of Roger, Tom, Freya and Rosamond and Grandpa of Zoe, Tabra, Sabrina, Robbie, Bertie, Veronica, Caroline, Florrie and Georgia. Antony. Funeral Tuesday 30th April at 2.30pm Elmsted Church. Flowers of you would like, to Earl & Co Ashford, Kent.

RAMSAY – On 23rd April 1985, while playing tennis, Lt Col F Stewart (Sam) Ramsay, Worcestershire Regiment, aged 84 years. Much loved husband, father and grandfather of Perth, Pitlochry Vale crematorium, Tuesday 30th April, 11.45am. No flowers please.

SHIRES – Iain Mason On April 23, 1985, peacefully at home, Jill, aged 49 years, the loved and loving wife of Robert and much loved mother of Mary and Lorna. Funeral service on Monday, April 29, 1985 at St Mary's Church, Nether Alderley, at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to either St Anns Hospice or Bristol Cancer Help Centre. All enquiries to Albert R. Bloch (Funeral Directors) Ltd, Wilmslow. Tel Wilmslow 525005.

TRAILL – On April 24th after a short illness in Kuala Lumpur, Dato Henry Francis O'Brien (Harry) aged 73, elder son of the late Major H. E. O'B. Traill and the late Mrs Traill of Co Antrim and dear brother of Mary and of the late Catherine and the late John.

VENISON – On April 23rd 1985, Rose aged 84 of Great Bridgeon, Cold Christmas Lane, Trundridge, Ware, Herts. Widow of Alfred Henry Venison and beloved mother of Trudy. Funeral and burial at St Mary's Parish Church, Thundridge on Monday, April 29th at 12.30pm.

WAKEFORD, (TUPP) Phyllis on April 21st at Rowcroft Hospice, Torquay, beloved wife of the late Sidney Julian Wakeford. Cherished mother of Anthony & Patricia, darling POA-Cat to Paul & Tracie & twin babies Julian & Christian, & dearly loved twin sister of Marjorie. Cremation service at Torquay crematorium today, Friday 26th April at 3.30pm. Only family flowers, but if desired donations to Rowcroft Hospice, Avenue Road, Torquay, please.

DEATHS

WILSON. – On April 22nd 1985 suddenly aged 60 years Thomas Auld Wilson M.B., C.L.B., of 35 Arnothill Gardens, Falkirk, formerly of 98 Doncaster Rd South Elmsall, Yorkshire and 50 West End Queensbury, Yorkshire beloved husband of Johnstina and much loved father of Alastair Ian and Muairi. Service at 2.40pm Friday 26th April at St Andrews Church, Falkirk and thereafter to Grandsmuir Cemetery. Pleasant arriving approximately 3.30pm. No letters please.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LOVEDAY. – A memorial service for the Right Reverend David Goodwin Loveday will be held at Desborough Church, Oxon, on Saturday, 25th May, at 3 p.m. A memorial service will also be held at Cranleigh School at a date to be announced.

SALVI. A service of thanksgiving for the life of Cav. Ufficiale V. (Bee) Salvi, O.B.E., will be held on Tuesday May 14th at 12 noon at St Lawrence Jewry-Next-Guildhall in the City of London.

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9.20 Ceefax. 10.30 **Play School** (r). 10.50 **Ceefax.**

9.30 News After Noon with Moira Stuart and Chris Lowe. The weather details come from Michael Fish. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

10.00 Pebble Mill at One includes the late Donny MacLeod's report from Singapore where he rode in a trishaw; had a drink at the bar of Raffles Hotel; and met cookery writer Violet Oon. 1.45 **Hokey Cokey** (r). 2.00 **Ceefax.** 3.53 Regional news (not London).

10.55 Whizz. For the young. 4.10 **The Littlest Hobo.** The brave dog risks his life for a sick refugee. 4.35 **Secrets Out!!!** presented by Johnny Ball. A young panel try to guess competitors' odd hobbies. The guest star is Duncan Goodhew. 5.00 **The Baker Street Boys.** Episode two of the story about a group of urchins who help Sherlock Holmes (r).

11.30 Friday People. Show business magazine programme presented by Mike Smith. Liza Minnelli talks for the first time since her discharge from the Betty Ford Clinic; Lorraine Chase goes to Badminton; and Jason, son of Sean, Connery talks about his career.

12.30 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

12.35 London Plus.

12.40 Wogan. Tonight's line-up includes Mike Harding, Art Malik and the Penguin Cafe Orchestra.

1.30 The Domesday Project. Michael Wood and Sarah Greene launch a major project to celebrate the 900th anniversary of William the Conqueror's Domesday Book. The 20th century's Domesday Book will be on interactive videodisc and is planned to be the equivalent of a snapshot of present day life in the United Kingdom. Tonight's programme shows how individuals can participate by taking part in a major national photographic competition in which the successful 5,000 people will have their photograph recorded for posterity on the discs (Ceefax).

2.10 Cover Up. American secret service series in which, tonight, Mac is framed for his girlfriend's brutal murder (Ceefax).

3.00 News with Julia Somerville. Weather.

3.05 Late Starter. The penultimate episode and Mary's problems are exacerbated by the death of her mother. The funeral invitations have to be sent out and she is determined that Edward will not be on the list. But Edward hears the news from his former secretary and decides to attend the funeral.

3.55 Omnibus: Hancock - from East Cheam to Earls Court (see Choice).

5.10 Film: The Class of Miss MacMichael (1978) starring Glenda Jackson and Oliver Reed. A comedy drama about a teacher at a London school for maladjusted children who finds her every effort thwarted by the pig-headed principal. Directed by Silvio Narizzano.

6.55 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Nick Owen and Jayne Irving. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.16, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50 and 9.19; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop video at 7.54; Jeni Barnett's postbag at 8.15; Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.40; the weekend's best buys at 9.05.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 **For Schools:** Spring in the woods. 9.50 Looking for the past in Everton, Liverpool. 10.09 The use of words. 10.25 The growth of the port of Bristol. 10.48 The use of adjectives and nouns. For the hearing impaired. 11.05 A walk in the country. 11.22 Middle English. 11.39 In search of the American dream.

12.00 Jamie and the Magic Torch (r). 12.10 **Rainbow.** Learning made fun with puppets (Oracle). 12.30 **By the Way.** Philip Madoc walks in the countryside that inspired Dylan Thomas (r).

1.00 News at One. 1.20 **Thames news.** 1.30 **Film: Anne of the Indies** (1951) starring Jean Peters and Louis Jourdan. Adventure yarn about a 17th-century woman pirate, Captain Providence. With James Robertson Justice. Directed by Jacques Tourneur.

3.00 Gems. Rag trade serial, set in a Covent Garden fashion workshop. 3.25 **Thames news** headlines. 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 Rainbow. A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10. 4.20 **Batfink.** 4.25 **Emu's All-Live Pink Windmill Show,** presented by Rod Hull.

5.15 Connections, presented by Sue Robbie. A new quiz series in which schoolchildren compete for personal prizes and for pounds to give to the community cause of their choice.

5.45 News. 6.00 **The 6 O'Clock Show** presented by Gloria Hunniford.

7.00 The Practice. Drama serial set in a modern north of England medical centre (Oracle).

7.30 Family Fortunes. Game show presented by Max Bygraves.

8.00 A Fine Romance. Laura and Mike decide to throw a dinner-party – thank heavens for Helen and Phil (r) (Oracle).

8.30 Home to Roost. Efforts to ensure that son Matthew is making the most of his school career come to nothing when Matthew discovers evidence of his father's less-than-hard-working school days (Oracle).

9.00 C.A.T.S. Eyes. Another case for the women of Covert Activities, Thames Section, when a death on a motorway leads to a case of forgery with Chinese connections. Starring Jill Gascoine, Leslie Ash and Rosalyn Landor (Oracle).

10.00 News at Ten and weather.

10.30 The London Programme. An examination of what the House of Lords may propose in the way of an amendment to the Government's plans to abolish the Greater London Council.

11.00 Shoot Pool! Jim Rosenthal introduces another match in the John Bull Bitter London Pool Championship. Steve Sanders, a professional for twelve months, meets the experienced Charlie Nolan.

12.00 Film: Hands of the Ripper (1971) starring Eric Porter. Thriller about Anna, the daughter of Jack the Ripper, who works as the voice for a crooked medium. When the medium is found brutally murdered suspicion falls on Anne. Directed by Peter Sasdy.

1.30 Night Thoughts.



Tony Hancock: on BBC 1 at 10.15pm

● Watching a preview of tonight's *Omnibus* documentary **HANCOCK: FROM EAST CHEAM TO EARLS COURT** (BBC 1, 10.15 pm) with its myriad pictures of the comedian's face registering more emotions than you would expect eyes, nose and mouth capable of, I could not get out of my mind my own private picture of that face. It was towards the end of his life, and Tony Hancock was on stage, dark except for one working light, in an empty theatre at Southend. He was running through his act for the first house of a Monday night variety show. I stood in the wings. The man who, in his heyday had been beloved of millions because he was a comedy actor beyond compare, was drunk. Trying to get a steady grip on the microphone, he lurched against it and hurt his lip. He cursed at the silent auditorium, attempted his opening joke, got it wrong, tried again, lost the thread, gave up, and slumped into a chair. He turned his head, half saw me, and shook his head as it in despair. There was just enough light to see the deadness in the eyes, it was the most profoundly sad face I had ever seen.

Derek Bailey's *Omnibus* film touches on the topic of the demon that gnawed away inside Hancock, but choses not to be precise about its identity. Not even the scalpel-skill of John Freeman, removing layer after layer of defensive Hancock skin in that unforgettable *Face to Face* inquisition, could do much more than reduce the comedian to something akin to a fox that senses that the trap is about to snap on it. But I must not give the wrong impression of Mr Bailey's film. For every shadow, there are a dozen glorious moments of comedy, in sequences from his television and radio shows including The Radio Ham and The Lift. Here, indeed, is genius, given its head by a director who knows when he is on to a good thing.

● Radio choice: A second chance to hear Thomas Keneally's thoughts on his fellow Australians' search for a literary identity (**KALEIDOSCOPE**, Radio 4, 9.45 pm); a special EEC edition, from The Hague, of **ANY QUESTIONS?**, with Barbara Castle among the panellists (Radio 4, 8.45 pm); and the BBC Philharmonic concert from Lancaster that includes Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony, and Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 3, with Yefim Bronfman as soloist (Radio 3, 12.05 pm).

Peter Davalle

CHOICE

BBC 2

6.30 Open University: Sexual identity. 6.55 Neurochemistry. 7.20 Weekend Outlook. Ends at 7.25. 9.00 **Ceefax.**

10.25 World Snooker. The 15th day of the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield. Dafydd Ecks introduces coverage of the half-way stage of the second semi-final.

1.00 approximately **Ceefax.**

2.50 World Snooker. The last nine frames of the first semi-final.

5.25 News summary with subtitles.

5.30 Eureka. The final programme of the series and Paul McDowell introduces highlights of the previous programmes.

6.00 Film: Tarzan and the Amazons" (1945) starring Johnny Weissmuller, Johnny Sheffield and Brenda Joyce. Tarzan, the only man to know the location of the warrior Amazons, has sworn to keep the site a secret, but a scientific expedition arrives in the jungle to try and track down the fabled race of women. Directed by Kurt Neumann.

7.15 World Snooker. David Vine introduces highlights of the first semi-final which ended this afternoon and the latest news of the progress of the second semi-final.

7.45 The World About Us: Prisoners of Paradise. A documentary about the outwardly idyllic South Sea island of Samoa. If, as American anthropologist Margaret Mead claimed, it was the nearest place to paradise on earth, why then does the country have the highest suicide rate in the world? Tonight's documentary shows that far from being a placid, peaceful society Samoa is rigidly disciplined, highly authoritarian with a tense sexual ethos.

8.35 Gardeners' World from Barnsdale. Geoff Hamilton and Margaret Waddy work in the vegetable garden while Beth Chatto has advice on the creation of an herbaceous border.

9.00 World Snooker. The final session of the second semi-final.

9.25 The Million Pound Bird Book. David Attenborough traces the story of John James Audubon, the ornithological author and illustrator, whose book on birds was auctioned last year in London and fetched a million pounds. The programme traces Audobon's travels across the Eastern United States on which he used a revolutionary technique to produce the drawings in his book – he took newly shot birds and wired their still-warm bodies into what he thought to be life-like positions.

10.25 World Snooker. Further coverage of the second semi-final.

10.55 Newsnight. 11.40 Weather.

11.45 World Snooker. Highlights of the second-semi final. Ends at 1.05.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Channel Four Racing from Sandown. Brough Scott introduces coverage four races – the Audi Sports Handicap Stakes (2.35); the Trusthouse Forte Mile (3.05); the Audi Prix de Chasse (3.40); and the Athlone Stakes (4.10).

4.30 Isaura the Slave Girl. Isaura finally discovers the identity of her father and Tobias finds out why Isaura has been so mysterious. Followed by **Fantastico.** The colour, music and dance of present-day Brazil.

5.30 Friday Zone: ECT, for Heavy Metal fans, featuring Warrior and Hawkwind performing in front of an outrageously dressed audience.

6.10 Paintbox. A modern, 10-minute filler, featuring a guest apperance from Auberon Waugh in a short that takes an unusual look at the sex war.

6.20 Soul Train, presented by Jeffrey Daniel. Solely for the soul fans, this evening's programme includes the genre's classics from the archives, the latest videos and special guests. Among those appearing are Curtis Hairston, David Grant and Jackie Graham.

7.00 Channel Four News.

7.30 Right to Reply, presented by Gus Macdonald. Stanley Bailey, Chief Constable of Northumberland, discusses with director Ken Loach the issue of editing technique raised by the documentary on the miners' strike, Which Side Are You On?

8.00 What the Papers Say. With his comments on how the press handled the week's news is the Daily Mail's Peter McKay.

8.15 A Week in Politics, presented by Peter Jay, includes a report on the TGWU ballot dispute; Sir Ian Gilmour discussing the new Employment Institute; and a comic strip on the rise and rise of Ken Livingstone.

9.00 The Cosby Show. Comedy series starring Bill Cosby as Cliff Huxtable, a happily married obstetrician. Tonight he finds himself fighting a losing battle against his wife and 20-year-old daughter who wants to go to Paris with her college friends.

9.30 Gardeners' Calendar Roadshow. The first of a new series and the panel of experts from the Royal Horticultural Society answer questions from keen gardeners in Belfast.

10.00 Cheers. American comedy series set in a Boston bar.

10.30 The Single Life. Four more people, including the novelist, Elizabeth Jane Howard, explain why they prefer to live alone.

11.20 Film: Sir Henry at Rawlinson End" (1980) starring Trevor Howard as the permanently drunk aristocrat with the problem of trying to lay the ghost of his brother who he shot dead in a compromising position. Directed by Steve Roberts.

12.35 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. † VHF stereo

5.55 Shipping.

6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer.

6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for Day. 8.35 Parliament. 8.50 Letters. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 Desert Island Discs. The castaway is Dr Robert Burchfield, Editor of the Oxford English Dictionary (r).†

9.45 More Wrestling Than Dancing. With David Moreau.

10.00 News; International Assignment. Birth control in Roman Catholic countries.

10.30 Morning Story: 'Wish Fulfilment' by Hill Slavid. Reader: Cyril Shaps.

10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 25).†

11.00 News; Travel; Mecca at Marble Arch. June Knox-Mawer explores some curious corners of Arab London (r).

11.48 Natural Selection: Manna from Heaven.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs, with Pattie Coldwell.

12.27 Instant Sunshine. . . Reasonably Together Again. With The Eddie Thompson Trio.† 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour from Bristol. Includes a feature about a restaurant where customers pay for their meals with bric-à-brac, plus part 10 of The Summer of the Barshinskeys.

3.00 News; Micah Clarke by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. (4): 'The Battle for the Crown' (r).†

4.00 News; Going Places. Clive Jacobs with news on travel and transport.

4.40 Story Time: 'A Night to Remember' by Walter Lord. (10): Go away – we've just seen our husbands drown. . . Reader: Brian Gear.

5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News.

6.30 In Other Words. . . The Bodgers. Comedy with John Docherty.

Moray Hunter, Pete Balkie and Gordon Kennedy.†

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Pick Of The Week. Claire Rayner presents her selection of extracts from TV and radio.†

8.20 Stop Press. Nigel Rees on the way newspapers have behaved this week.

8.45 Any Questions? From The Hague. With Barbara Castle, Pieter Dankert, Magnus Magnusson, Nicholas Bethell, and John Timpson.

9.30 Letter From America by Alistair Cooke.

9.45 Kaleidoscope: In a Strange Land. Interview with Thomas Keneally. The interviewer is Peter Porter, the Australian poet (r).

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'A Moveable Feast' by Ernest Hemingway. (8): Farewell to Paris. Reader: David Buck. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight.

11.00 Today in Parliament.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Week Ending. Satirical look back at the week's news.† 12.00-12.15 News; Weather.

VHF (available in England and S. Wales only). Radio 4 vhf is as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-12.00 Study On 4.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Morning Concert: Rossini's Sinfonia al conventello (Los Angeles CO/Schwarz); Saint-Saens's La muse et le poete (Ricci / Mallach / Orchestre of Radio Luxembourg); Schumann's Arabesque in C (Rubinstein, piano); Haydn's Symphony No 90 (Philharmonia Hungarica / Dorati).† 8.00 News.

8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Mendelssohn's String Symphony No 8 in E flat (Leipzig Gewandhaus / Masur); Faure's Nocturne No 3 in A flat (Rubinstein); Beethoven's String Quartet in A Op 18 No 5 (Vegh Quartet); Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No 3.† 9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composers: The English Madrigalists. Consort of Musicke (under Rooley and Trevor Jones). Works by Byrd including In fields abroad; and Fantasia a 6.†

9.45 Martin Roscoe the pianist plays Schubert's Sonata in C D 279; and Sonata in B D 575.†

10.30 Langham Chamber Orchestra (under Meredith Davies). J C Bach's The Periodical Overture in D No 1; Lennox Berkeley's Serenade for strings; Haydn's Symphony No 85.†

11.15 Song Recital: Ruud van der Meer (baritone) with Rudolf Jansen (piano). Songs by Wolf, from the Italian song books.†

12.05 Concert from Lancaster: Yefim Bronfman (piano), BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (under Downes). Part one. Sibelius's The Swan of Tuonela; Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 3.† 1.00 News.

1.05 Concert: part two. Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 4.†

1.50 Equale Brass: Gordon Crosse's Chimes; George Lloyd's A Miniature Triptych; Gershwin's Pictures from Shall We Dance?, arranged by Martin Cotton.†

2.35 University of Wales Recital: London Fortepiano Trio play Mozart's Piano Trio in B flat K 502; Hummel's Piano Trio in F Op 22.† Interval reading at 3.15.

3.20 Recital: part two. Beethoven's Piano Trio in G Op 1 No 2.†

4.00 Choral Evensong: from Worcester Cathedral;† 4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of David Houlf's selections of music.†

6.30 Guitar Music: Eric Hill's recital includes works by Jorge Morel, Ivor Mairants and Jerome Kern (All the Things You Are).†

7.00 Medea. Five-act opera by Charpentier. Sung in French. William Christie conducts Les Arts Florissants, with soloists Jill Feldman (Medee), Gilles Ragon (Jason) and Jacques Bona (Creon). Prologue and Act One. Interval reading at 7.55.

8.00 Medea: acts two and three. Interval reading at 9.10.

9.15 Medea: acts four and five.

10.15 New Premises: another chance to hear Stephen Games's arts review.



Thomas Keneally: an interview, Radio 4, 9.45pm

Radio 2

On medium wave. † stereo VHF. News on the hour (except 8.00 pm and 9.00). Headlines 5.30 am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30.

4.00 am Howard Pearce.† **6.00 Bill Rennells.**† **8.05 Ken Bruce.**† **10.30 Jimmy Young.**† **1.05 Sports Desk; David Jacobs.**† **2.00 Gloria Hunniford** incl. 2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music all the Way.† **4.00 David Hamilton**† incl. 4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk. **6.00 John Dunn**† incl. 6.02 Sports Desk. 8.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF) only. 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night.† 9.30 The Organist Entertains. With Nigel Ogden. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 It's A Funny Business (Mollie Sugden). 10.30 Lyrics on Several Occasions. With André Previn. 11.00 Jeremy Beadle's Nightcap. (Stereo from midnight.) † 1.00 am Peter Dickson presents Nightside.† 3.00 Big Band Special.† 3.30–4.00 String Sound.†

Radio 1

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo News on the half hour from 6.30 am until 9.30 pm and at 12 midnight

6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies including 12.30pm Newsbeat. 2.30 Mark Page. 4.30 Select-a-Disc with Janice Long. 5.30 Newsbeat with Frank Partridge. 5.45 Roundtable. 7.00 Andy Peebles. 10.00–12.00 The Friday Rock Show (features a session from Gunslingers†) VHF RADIOS 1 & 2 4.00 am With Radio 2. 10.00 pm With Radio 1. 12.00–4.00 With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Land of a Thousand Dances. 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Shakespeare and Music. 8.30 A Word in Edgeways. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.45 Look Ahead. 9.45 At Home With ... 10.00 News. 10.01 Those Swinging Years. 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 10.30 Business Matters. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 In The Meantime. 11.25 A Letter From Northern Ireland 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Jazz For The Asking. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty Four Hours. 1.30 John Peel. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Letterbox. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 The Middle East – The Dream and the Reality 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Science in Action. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Letter From Northern Ireland. 5.15 Sarah And Company 8.00 World News. 9.15 Music Now. 9.45 Solidtinger. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Letter From Northern Ireland. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 From The Weeklies. 11.30 Sacred Symphonies. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 About Britain. 12.45 Recording Of The Week. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Kings of Swing. 1.45 Letterbox. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 People And Politics. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Brain of Britain 1985. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 That's Trad. 5.45 The World Today.

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† Stereo. ☆ Black and white. (r) Repeat

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ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.30-3.00 Film: True as a Turtle (John Gregson). 3.30-4.00 The Adventurer. 5.15-5.45 Mr & Mrs. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.20 Sportscast. 6.45-7.00 Advice with Anne Hailes. 10.30 Witness. 10.35 Falcon Crest. 11.30 Barney Miller. 11.55 News, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.00pm Film: Subway in the Sky (Van Johnson) 5.15-5.45 Mr & Mrs 6.00-7.00 News 10.35 Film: Play Dirty (Michael Caine) 12.45am Closedown

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TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.00 Film: Secret Tent." 5.15-5.45 Who's the Boss? 6.00 News. 6.02 Keep it in the Family. 6.30-7.00 Northern Life. 10.32 Straight Talk. 11.00 The Master. 11.55 Christian Calendar, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm Calendar 1.25 Help Yourself 1.30 Film: An Honourable Murder" 2.55-3.00 Home Cookery Club 5.15-5.45 Mr & Mrs 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Different Strokes 10.30 Film: The Hill" (Sean Connery) 12.45am Closedown

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.00 Film: Tarnished Heroes" (Anton Rodgers). 8.00-7.00 About Anglia. 10.30 Cross Question. 11.10 Film: Night Of The Big Heat (Peter Cushing). 12.55am Jancis Harvey Sings. Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Home to Stay (Henry Fonda) 2.50-3.00 Cartoon 3.30-4.00 The Adventurer 5.15-5.45 Yong Doctors 6.00 Today South West 6.30-7.00 What's Ahead 10.35 Film: Light at the Edge of the World (Kirk Douglas) 12.40am Postscript, Closedown

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Outsider. 2.30-3.00 Better Half. 3.30-4.00 Survival. 5.15-5.45 Connections. 6.00 Coast To Coast. 6.30-7.00 Pop The Question. 10.30 Film: Asylum (Robert Powell). 12.10am Company, Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Home to Stay. 2.30-3.00 Cartoon. 3.30-4.00 Adventurer. 5.15-5.45 Young Doctors. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 What's On Where. 10.35 Film: Light at the Edge of the World. 12.40am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.00 Film: They Came From Beyond Space (Robert Hutton). 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Cartoon Alphabet. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.30-7.00 Survival. 10.30 Film: Aggression (Jean-Louis Trintignant). 12.20am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm News. 6.00-7.00 North Tonight. 10.30 Crossfire. 11.00 The Master. 12.00 News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30-3.00 Film: 'Whispering Smith Hits London' (Richard Carlson). 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Vintage Quiz. 6.00 Sons and Daughters. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 10.30 Benson. 11.00 Film: I Don't Want To Be Born (Joan Collins). 12.45am Jazz. 1.15 Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 2.30-3.00 On The Market. 6.00 News and Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Sounds Gaelic. 10.30 Ways and Means. 11.00 Late Call. 11.05 Yellow Rose. 12.05am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20 News. 1.30-3.00 Film: Holiday On The Buses (Reg Varney). 5.15-5.45 Mr & Mrs. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 Problems. 10.30 Your Say. 10.45 Great Western. 11.45 Live At City Hall. 12.15am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 11.22am-11.37 About Wales 6.00pm-6.55 Wales at Six 6.55-7.00 Party Political Broadcast 10.30 Keeping up with the Joneses 11.00 Great Western 12.00–12.30am Live at City Hall.

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A ring of steel around a ring of stone



Specially designed barbed wire now surrounds Stonehenge, to protect Wiltshire's prehistoric monument from vandalism. The traditional Druidic Summer solstice rites have also been banished from the site this year – as has the more contemporary rock music festival – to protect the stones (Photograph: Warren Harrison).

Letter from Warsaw

Summit city bends to Moscow rules

Operation Gorbachov, one of Warsaw's biggest security alerts since martial law, was in full swing yesterday as the new Kremlin chief and a gaggle of East European leaders arrived in Poland to renew their military alliance.

Despite the unseasonal snowfall at Warsaw's military airport Mr Mikhail Gorbachov demonstrated some of the new Kremlin walkabout style, stopping to speak with hand-picked admirers. "Long live the General Secretary" came in great gusts from the crowd and, improbably "may he live 100 years" – the Polish equivalent of "For he's a jolly good fellow".

"How are you doing?" he asked a young Polish woman clutching a Soviet flag. "Fine, fine," replied the flattered woman in Russian. "Good, good", he said. "Thank you, thank you".

This is Mr Gorbachov's first trip outside the Soviet Union since taking over as General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, and the first visit to Poland by a Soviet leader since before the birth of Solidarity, the ill-fated free trade union movement. The Polish authorities have been correspondingly anxious to show that everything was calm and under control.

Moscow rules have been imposed: strict secrecy, normally a contradiction in terms in Poland, is the order of the day.

The security operation involves hundreds of thousands of uniformed militia, traffic policemen, secret agents, internal security troops and military police. There are two fears: The first that Solidarity could stage some kind of protest action ahead of the usual demonstrations on May Day and May 3; the second the uneasy memory of the secret police plot to kill Father Jerzy Popieluszko which was apparently intended to unsaddle General Jaruzelski as Polish leader. If the aim is to embarrass the Government, or something more sinister, there could be no better opportunity than the visit of Mr Gorbachov.

The effect has been the re-militarization of the streets and the temporary Sovietization of the media.

Uniformed militia patrols – some of them with machine guns – are stationed every 100 yards in the centre of Warsaw. Battalions of riot police are parked in side streets.

Every house was checked on the route from Warsaw military airport to the government villas near the Soviet Embassy on Belwederska Street – the likely residence of Mr Gorbachov. Flats were searched, cars stopped and boots opened.

In a particularly clumsy search of a student hostel – a likely contender for the hanging display of a Solidarity banner – police were pelted with bread and eggs and, Solidarity sources say, 16 youths were detained.

On the eve of the Soviet leader's arrival workers flanked by Interior Ministry security troops checked gutters, drains and street lamps, presumable for explosives.

This in a "no chances" summit. Little has been left to whim. The treaty renewing the Warsaw Pact for 20 years will be signed, as it was in 1955, in the Radziwill Palace near the old town district.

The various doubts of the signatory states – whether military policy should be a matter of coordination (as the Russians would like) or consultation or both – will be answered in nuance and code by the declaration which was already being drafted yesterday before the arrival of Mr Gorbachov and the party leaders of Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and East Germany.

The official press is torn between the needs of secrecy (the papers only yesterday admitted that the pact leaders were arriving on Thursday) and the need to find suitably fraternal slogans. The television news for the past 10 days has been reporting overwhelmingly Soviet related news in an effort to reassure Mr Gorbachov and his eyes and ears – the Soviet Ambassador – that all is in order, at least on the small screen.

Roger Boyes

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Gorbachov tribute to allies

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ation owed it to those who had perished to work together for peace in the spirit of the anti-Hitler alliance.

Diplomats said, however, that such sentiments had been overshadowed by the killing of Major Arthur Nicholson in East Germany by a Soviet sentry and the continuing row over whether Moscow would repeat such actions.

In an article in *Kommunist*, the party's theoretical journal, Marshal Sergei Sokolov, the Defence Minister, said: "Russia's victory in the Great Patriotic War of 1941-1945 demonstrated that imperialist plans to establish world domination were unrealistic."

Making a direct link between the Nazis and present Western governments, Marshal Sokolov, who this week became a candidate Politburo member, said that "present-day imperialist reactionary forces" were characterized by "hawkish, anti-communism and international terrorism. America and Nato were escalating the arms race and deliberately aggravating confrontation with the forces of socialism and peace."

"This is not exactly a friendly message to Russia's former allies" commented one Western diplomat, adding that further hardline rhetoric could be expected from today's Warsaw Pact summit.

● LONDON: Mrs Margaret Thatcher said in the Commons yesterday that Britain would probably be represented by its ambassador, Sir Iain Sutherland, at the Soviet Union's VE Day celebrations in Moscow next month. (Henry Stanhope writes).

But while this is as strong a hint as one might wish for, it falls short of the Government's final decision. This, Whitehall was emphasizing last night would be made only after consultations with allied countries.

Britain's dilemma is that, like other Western countries, it wants to lay the emphasis in its own anniversary celebrations upon reconciliation and remembrance – as opposed to the anti-German militarist propaganda which the Russians seem to be preparing.

●ROME: President Pertini of Italy, a member of the wartime resistance, took part yesterday in solemn ceremonies marking the 40th anniversary of Italy's liberation by allied troops. (Reuter reports).

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US, Soviet veterans reunited

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He hesitated. Behind his broad forehead we could almost see him trying to solve the problems: what would Moscow want him to do? Would he be court-martialled if he got into the photograph, or if he did not?

He joined in. After about eight minutes, he smiled. The camera crews of the nations shouted to him to turnthis way and that. Those trapped behind him were expecially pleading. "General! Gerneral!" they shouted. "Colonel! Colonel!" actually, he was a liutenant. Eventually a Scandinavian television man shouted: *"Tovarishch!" The soldier turned.*

German party notables in trilbies, and the chairman of the Russian vererans, who was in uniform, made speeches, at colossal length, in favour of peace. The Russian officers on the platform, stared unflinchingly ahead, clealy hardened to this form of warfare. The American veterans' representatives were briefer.

Back in the townhall the old soldiers toasted one another in several lethal brews and talked at each other in their respective languages. "Do you speak Rooshun?" asked Mr Albert Hornyak, a plumbing contractor from Cleveland, Ohio, of an American reporter, who did.

Mr Hornyak embarked on a marvellous reminiscence with Alexander Silvashko, a school teacher from Minsk, about this day they had shared together 40 years before. "Tell him I danced with that girl who had a machine gun slung across her big bosoms." Mr Silvashko seemed to demonstrate that the language of Puskin and Tolstoy is also rich in ribaldries. "He says she still lives in Moscow," was the tactful translation.

Elsewhere in the throng Dr William Robertson, a neursurgeon in Culver City, California, retold how he crawled across the bridge and made first contact with the Russians.

A reporter from *Trud*, the Soviet trade union newspaper, asked Dr Robertson, through an official interpreter, whether he thought the Soviet and American people wanted peace.

"People all over the world are the same," Dr Robertson replied. "Of course they want peace." *Trud's* man scribbled vigorously. "Do you believe that the Sofiet people want peace?" Dr Robertson: "Of course." *Scribble, scribble. Did* Dr Robertson think the Soviet Government wanted peace? Dr Robertson: "All governments get in the way." No scribbling there. Why spoil a good story?

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, Master of Trinity House, attends the closing banquet of the International Association of Lighthouse Authorities' conference at the Guildhall, London EC2, 7.15.

Princess Anne, as Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Signals, visits the 32nd Signal Regiment (Volunteers): Baildon Bridge, 9.45, Bonbecula, 12.20, and St Kilda, 2.25, Scotland.

Princess Margaret visits the headquarters of the Sailors' Children's Society, Newland Homes, Hull, 3.

The Duke of Gloucester attends a lunch given by The Silver Jubilee Walkway Trust, County Hall, SE1, 12.50.

Princess Alexandra opens the Hydrotherapy Pool at Angmering School, W Sussex, 10.15, and the Lavinia Norfolk House for Spastics at Worthing, 11.45; later she opens the Durrington Community Centre, 12.45 followed by the new Physiotherapy Department and dayroom at Arundel Hospital, 3.

Exhibitions in progress

Question about sculpture: **Bolton** Museum and Art Gallery, Le Mans Crescent; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 5, closed Wed and Sun (ends May 11).

Paintings and drawings by Arthur Kitching: Linton Court Gallery, Duke St, Settle, N Yorks; Tues, Fri and Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 5, Mon, Wed and Thurs (ends May 12).

David Bailey Black and White Memories: Warwickshire Museum, Market Place, **Warwick**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2.30 to 5 (ends May 4).

Work by Valerie Chilton, Mary Dewing, Margaret Hawkes, Suzanne Jones, and Colin Gerard: Campden Pottery and Art Gallery, **Chipping Campden**, Glos; Mon to Sat 9 to 6 (ends May 4).

Last chance to see

Geology Serves the Nation: 150 years of British Geology Survey: Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers St, **Edinburgh**, 10 to 5.

Fifty modern British drawings from the Whitworth Art Gallery: McAlpine Gallery, Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St, Oxford, 10 to 4.

Carved wood sculptures by James Castle: Mid-Pennine Arts Association, 2 Hammerton St, **Burnley**, Lancs; 9 to 5.

Music

Purcell School Orchestra concert: **Winchester** Cathedral, 7.30.

Music and poetry by the Vera Mallet Singers: St. Nicholas Church, Rectory Lane, **Stevenage**, 8.

Tuba recital by Melvyn Poore: Drama Studio, Queen's University, **Belfast**, 7.30.

Concert by the London Sinfonietta, 1; and a concert by the BBC Concert Orchestra, 7.30; the Congress Theatre, **Eastbourne**.

Piano recital by Piers Lane: Belvoir Room, Charles Wilson Building, **Leicester** University, 8.

Guitar duo by the Hill and Wiltschinsky: Lyttelton Theatre, Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret Street, **Birmingham**, 7.45.

Franciscan Folk Concert: **Canterbury** Cathedral, 7.30.0

Talks, lectures

Britain after Brittan – a new direction, by Roger Wright: Lecture Room, Music Department, Queen's University, **Belfast**, 4.

The act of state doctrine in Dutch law, by Prof H G Schermers: Lecture Room, Department of Law, 50 North Bailey, Durham, 2.15.

Engineering a sixth sense for diagnosis, by Prof N B Jones: Attenborough Lecture Theatre 1, **Leicester** University, 5.15.

General

Daily Mirror photoworld '85: Grand Hall Olympia, Kensington, **London**, W8; today 5 to 7.30, Sat and Sun, 11 to 8.30, Mon 11 to 9 and Tues 11 to 6 (until April 30).

Parliament today

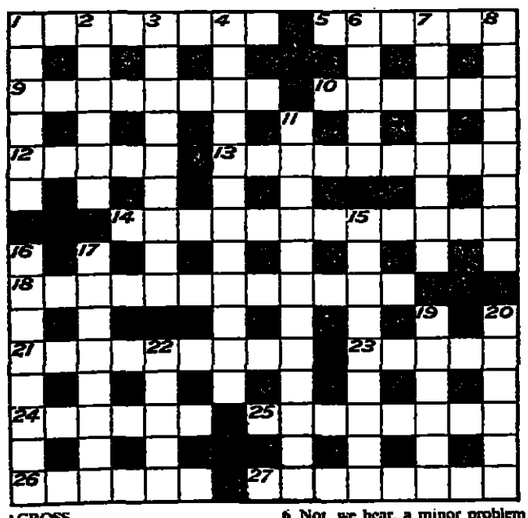
Commons (9.30): Motor Cycle Crash Helmets (Restriction of Liability) Bill and Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill, remaining stages.

Anniversaries

Births: **Eugène Delacroix**, painter, Charenton-Saint-Maurice, France, 1798; **John James Audubon**, naturalist and artist, Les Cayes, Haiti, 1785.

Deaths: **Bjornstjerne Bjornson**, poet and dramatist, Nobel laureate 1903, Paris 1910; **Carl Bosch**, chemist, Nobel laureate 1931, Heidelberg, Germany, 1940; **Edwin Pratt**, poet, Toronto, 1964.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,721



ACROSS

1 Plain programme for party, nonetheless (8).
5 Most of the elite of old city (6).
9 Letter for Boniface (8).
10 Swift as journalist's lady friend (6).
12 Partner incomprehensibly doubled (5).
13 Slogan is what crowd recollected (9).
14 Weapon for eg North Pole (12).
18 Maintenance of lan's cover not arranged (12).
21 Victor always as backward? Just the opposite (4,5).
23 Army at the double runs after tribesman (5).
24 One old eccentric is a simpleton (6).
25 Of which EEC has thirteen altogether? (8).
26 Partly rewrites the record book (6).
27 Figures about workers' organization badly astray (8).

DOWN

1 Complaint from daughter embraced by Oriental (6).
2 Exceptional extract for so many of the Romans (6).
3 Theatre packed with only kings and queens, perhaps (4,5).
4 Company club together on board for drinks (12).
6 Not, we hear, a minor problem (5).
7 Something afoot in Scottish castle (8).
8 Deadlock for Rugby player (5-3).
11 Lots of houses, some very different (7,5).
15 Brief inclination to pick best in field (5,4).
16 Clean up – that is to say, settle a score (8).
17 Defeat one sort of competition (5-3).
19 *Upset a Scottish inventor with* zero capital (6).
20 Flashy club (6).
22 Classicist's so long without University prize (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,720

C	A	B	I	N	E	T	M	A	K	E	R	■	■	■
A	■	I	■	R	■	C	■	N	■	E	■	S	■	■
A	U	T	O	G	R	A	P	H	■	V	I	A	N	D
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I	■	G	■	A	■	S	■	B	■	H	■	L	■	■
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■	■	■	C	H	E	D	D	A	R	G	O	R	G	E

Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 14

Food prices

The continuing cold weather has not helped growers, but supplies of fresh vegetables are still reasonable. Spring greens are becoming more plentiful at 24-34p a lb; cabbages are good value at 14-28p a lb for white and 18-28p for red; cauliflowers are scarce and still expensive, but purple sprouting broccoli is now in the shops at 30-35p a lb. Broad beans *from Spain and France* at 40-50p a lb are another new arrival. Mushrooms, ranging from 40p a half lb for flats to 70p for buttons, are still excellent value. Leeks 38-48p a lb and onions 20-35p are also good. Egyptian new crop potatoes are delicious at 18-22 a lb, but early Jersey Royals at £1.25 to £1.40 are in luxury class.

New season southern hemisphere apples – Cape golden delicious, New Zealand Coxes and Chilean Granny Smiths – are not much more expensive than European stored fruit. Strawberries from Spain and Italy are an affordable treat at around 50p a punnet, and avocados at 30-55p, depending on size, are again good value.

Fish supplies are reasonable in the south but poor in the north and in Scotland. Whiting fillets are recommended at between £1.00 and £1.25 a lb. Boned herring at about 85p, lemon sole from £1.50, and large cod fillets also around £1.50 a lb are good value where available, but there are big regional differences.

Home produced lamb prices have again jumped sharply this week, as old season supplies start to run out and new season are still expensive. Whole leg is up from an average of £1.93 to £2.00 a lb, shoulder from £1.24 – £1.28 and best end chops from £1.97 – £2.04. New season New Zealand ranges from £1.28 – £1.59 for leg and 70 – 96p for shoulder. Beef and pork prices are steady; topside and silverside £1.90 – £2.30 a lb, rump steak £2.59 – £3.20, boneless brisket £1.36 – £1.70; pork leg is 80p – £1.20 a lb and boneless shoulder 98p – £1.39.

Some best buys are: Sainsbury minced beef 89p a lb and pork loin chops £1.24; Tesco rump steak £2.49 and New Zealand shoulder of lamb 69p a lb; Fine Fare stewing beef £1.46 a lb; Safeway New Zealand frozen lamb chops £1.19 a lb (rib) and £1.29 (loin); Bejam pork spare rib chops 99p and New Zealand leg of lamb £1.24 a lb.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

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Top films

The top box-office films in London:

1	(1)	A Passage to India
2	(5)	Amadeus
3	(4)	Beverly Hills Cop
4	(2)	Dance With A Stranger
5	(3)	Micki and Maude
6	(6)	The Killing Fields
7	(–)	The Falcon and The Snowman
8	(7)	2010
9	(8)	Carmen
10	(9)	Not Quite Jerusalem

The top films in the provinces:

1	A Passage to India
2	The Never Ending Story
3	Amadeus
4	Morons from Outer Space
5	A Private Function.

Supplied by *Screen International*

Top video rentals

1	(1)	Police Academy
2	(2)	Codename: Wildgeese
3	(5)	Trading Places
4	(4)	Star Trek III"
5	(3)	The Philadelphia Experiment
6	(17)	The Natural
7	(6)	Cannonball Run II
8	(7)	The Ice Pirates
9	(8)	Rolling Thunder
10	(29)	Electric Dreams

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Roads

The Midlands: M1: Lanes closed in both directions between junction 1 (West Bromwich) and 2 (Oldbury), W Midlands. A34: Roadworks causing delays on Stratford to Oxford Rd at Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire.

Wases and West: A435: Abbey Rd, Evesham, with temporary lights 9.30 until early afternoon. M5: Contraflow on northbound carriageway between junction 16 and 17 (Bristol); no exit at junction 17 and no entry at junction 16. A38: Lane closures effecting both carriageways on Plympton bypass; also on the stretch between Ivybridge and South Brent.

The North: A49: Major roadworks on Winwick St the junction with Crown St, Warrington; diversion; delays to southbound drivers. A627: Ashton Rd closed to traffic approaching Oldham; diversion. A1: Roadworks between the Broomhouse roundabout and Charlton Mires, Northumberland.

Scotland: A701: Bridge damage at St Ann's Bridge, 4 miles S of Beattock; single line traffic with lights, (24 hours). A7: Junction improvement 5 miles S of Blackshiels, Midlothian; single line traffic with lights during working hours.

Information supplied by the AA

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.98	1.74
Austria Sch	27.80	26.29
Belgium Fr	79.05	75.25
Canada $	1.72	1.64
Denmark Kr	14.18	13.48
Finland Mkk	8.20	7.80
France Fr	11.93	11.38
Germany DM	3.91	3.73
Greece Dr	174.00	164.00
Hong Kong $	9.80	9.20
Ireland Pr	1.25	1.20
Italy Lira	2,495.00	2,375.00
Japan Yen	318.00	303.00
Netherlands Gld	4.44	4.22
Norway Kr	11.35	10.80
Portugal Esc	217.00	207.00
South Africa Rd	2.67	2.37
Spain Pta	216.00	205.00
Sweden Kr	11.35	10.80
Switzerland Fr	3.28	3.10
USA $	1.355	1.295
Yugoslavia Dnr	317.00	297.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 388.1.

London: The FT Index closed up 3.1 at 985.9.

New York: The Dow Jones Industrial average closed up x.xx on Friday at xxxx.xx.

Weather

London, SE, central S England, Midlands, S Wales: Rather cloudy but mainly dry, with some bright intervals; a little rain in places tomorrow; wind NW light becoming W moderate. Max temp 11C (52F).

E Anglia, E, NE England: Rather cloudy with showers, becoming cloudy with rain tomorrow; wind N moderate backing SW; max temp 6C (43F), milder tomorrow.

Channel Islands, SW England: Mainly dry with sunny or clear intervals; wind variable light; max temp 12C (54F).

N Wales, NW, central N England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland: Mainly cloudy, a little rain or drizzle at times; wind NW light becoming moderate to fresh tomorrow; max temp 9C (48F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney: Sunny intervals, snow showers, becoming cloudy with snow *turning to rain overnight*; wind NW backing SW for a while, moderate becoming strong; max temp 4C (39F).

SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: Rather cloudy with wintry showers, rain later, preceded by snow in places; wind SW moderate becoming NW fresh; max temp 6C (43F).

Shetland: Sunny intervals, snow showers, more prevalent sleet or snow overnight; wind NW backing SW for a time, moderate increasing strong, max temp 2C (36F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: *Cloudy with occasional rain spreading S* later today followed by brighter weather with wintry showers, heavy in the N; cold or rather cold with widespread night frost.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: Wind SW light or moderate becoming W moderate or fresh later; rain at times; visibility good; sea slight becoming moderate. Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind variable light becoming SW moderate; rain at times; visibility good; sea smooth becoming slight. St Georges Channel: Wind SW light becoming W moderate; mainly fair; visibility good; sea smooth becoming slight. Irish Sea: Wind SW light becoming W moderate or fresh; rain later; visibility good; sea smooth becoming moderate.

Sun rises: 5.42 am Sun sets: 8.16 pm

Moon sets: 2.11 am Moon rises: 9.07 am

First quarter: April 28.

Lighting-up time

London 8.46 pm to 5.11 am
Bristol 8.55 pm to 5.20 am
Edinburgh 9.12 pm to 5.09 am
Manchester 9.00 pm to 5.13 am
Penzance 9.03 pm to 5.36 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	c 8	46	Guernsey	f 11	52
Birmingham	r 5	41	Inverness	c 4	39
Blackpool	c 7	45	Jersey	s 10	50
Bristol	c 12	54	London	c 9	48
Cardiff	c 12	54	Manchester	c 7	45
Edinburgh	f 4	39	Newcastle	c 4	39
Glasgow	f 7	45	Portsldowny	f 9	48

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6 pm, 61 per cent. Rainfall: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.00in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 2.0hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,022.5 millibars. Steady.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

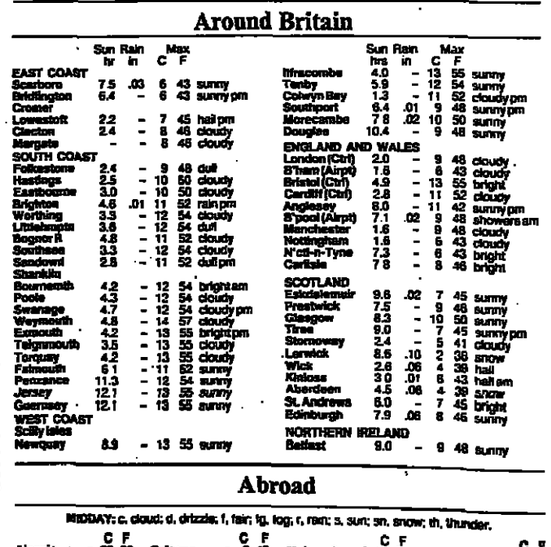
Yesterday: Highest day temp: Mumbles 14C (57F); lowest day max: Lerwick, 2C (36F); highest rainfall: Lerwick: 0.1in; highest sunshine: Isles of Scilly 12.2hr.

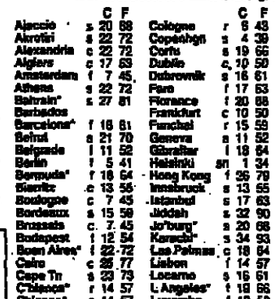
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Enigma

The three digits positioned in the telephone number by clue 3 are the beginning of a 3-digit sequence, the middle of a 5-digit sequence, and the end of a 2-digit sequence in the telephone number.

Weather





b-blue sky bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers.
Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	Ht	PM	Ht
London Bridge	5.09	6.5	6.25	6.3
Aberdeen	5 34	3.5	6.16	3.3
Avonmouth	11.20	10.5	11 30	10.4
Belfast	3 30	3.0	3.53	2.8
Cardiff	11 05	9.8	11.15	9.8
Devonport	9 33	4.5	9.53	4.7
Dover	2.42	5.8	8.15	5.6
Falmouth	9 03	4 3	9.23	4.5
Glasgow	4.55	4.5	5 27	4 1
Harwich	4 01	3.6	4.23	3.5
Holyhead	2.27	4.8	2.58	4.5
Hull	10.25	9.2	11.04	9.0
Ilfracombe	10 10	7 5	10.25	7.4
Leith	8 59	4.5	7.29	4.5
Liverpool	3.13	8 1	3.43	7.8
Lowestoft	1.43	2.1	1.49	2.1
Margate	4.10	4.3	4.28	4.2
Milford Haven	10.23	5 7	10.46	5.7
Newquay	9.23	5.8	9 40	5.8
Oban	9.49	3.1	8.58	4.2
Penzance	8 387	4 5	9.00	4.7
Portland	10.37	1.4	10.51	1.5
Portsmouth	3 31	4.0	4.04	3.9
Shoreham	3.02	5.2	3.32	5.1
Southampton	3 02	4 0	3.37	3.8
Swansea	10.35	7.9	10.52	7.8
Tees	8 03	4.5	8.40	4.3
Walton-on-Naze	3.54	3.8	4.11	3.7

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	7.5	.03	6	43	sunny
Bridlington	6.4	–	6	43	sunny pm
Cromer					
Lowestoft	2.2	–	7	45	hail pm
Clacton	2.4	–	8	48	cloudy
Margate	–	–	8	46	cloudy
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	2.4	–	9	48	dull
Hastings	2.5	–	10	50	cloudy
Eastbourne	3.0	–	10	50	cloudy
Brighton	4.6	.01	11	52	rain pm
Worthing	3.5	–	12	54	cloudy
Littlehamp'n	3.6	–	12	54	dull
Bognor R	4.8	–	11	52	cloudy
Southsea	3.3	–	12	54	cloudy
Sandown	2.8	–	11	52	dull pm
Shanklin					
Bournemth	4.2	–	12	54	bright am
Poole	4.3	–	12	54	cloudy
Swanage	4.7	–	12	54	cloudy pm
Weymouth	4.8	–	14	57	cloudy
Exmouth	4.2	–	13	55	bright pm
Teignmouth	3.5	–	13	55	cloudy
Torquay	4.2	–	13	55	cloudy
Falmouth	5.1	–	11	52	sunny
Penzance	11.3	–	12	54	sunny
Jersey	12.1	–	13	55	*sunny*
Guernsey	12.1	–	13	55	sunny
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles					
Newquay	8.9	–	13	55	sunny
Ilfracombe	4.0	–	13	55	sunny
Tenby	5.9	–	12	54	sunny
Colwyn Bay	1.3	–	11	52	cloudy pm
Southport	6.4	.01	9	48	sunny pm
Morecambe	7 8	.02	10	50	sunny
Douglas	10.4	–	9	48	sunny
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Ctrl)	2.0	–	9	48	cloudy
B'ham (Airpt)	1.8	–	6	43	cloudy
Bristol (Ctrl)	4.9	–	13	55	bright
Cardiff (Ctrl)	2.8	–	11	52	cloudy
Anglesey	8.0	–	11	42	sunny pm
S'pool (Airpt)	7.1	.02	9	48	showers am
Manchester	1.8	–	8	46	cloudy
Nottingham	1.8	–	6	43	cloudy
N'cstl-n-Tyne	7.3	–	6	43	bright
Carlisle	7 8	–	8	46	bright
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	9.6	.02	7	45	sunny
Prestwick	7.5	–	9	48	sunny
Glasgow	8.3	–	10	50	sunny
Tiree	9.0	–	7	45	sunny pm
Stornoway	2.4	–	5	41	cloudy
Lerwick	8.6	.10	2	36	snow
Wick	2.8	.06	2	36	snow
Kinloss	3 0	.01	6	43	hail am
Aberdeen	4.5	.06	4	39	*snow*
St. Andrews	6.0	–	7	45	bright
Edinburgh	7.9	.06	8	46	sunny
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	9.0	–	9	48	sunny

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; th, thunder.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	s 20	68	Cologne	r 9	48	Majorca*	f 19	66
Akrotiri	s 22	72	Copenhgn	s 4	39	Malaga*	f 17	63
Alexandria	c 22	72	Corfu	s 19	66	Malta	c 18	64
Algiers	c 17	63	Dublin	c 10	50	Melbourne*	s 17	63
Amsterdam	f 7	45	Dubrovnik	s 16	61	Mexico C*	f 23	73
Athens	s 22	72	Faro	f 17	63	Miami*	f 28	82
Bahrain*	s 27	81	Florence	f 20	68	Milan	c 14	57
Barbados			Frankfurt	c 10	50	Montreal		
Barcelona*	f 16	61	Funchal	r 15	59	Moscow	c 17	63
Beirut	s 21	70	Geneva	s 11	52	Munich	s 11	52
Belgrade	f 11	52	Gibraltar	f 18	64	Nairobi		
Berlin	f 5	41	Helsinki	sn 1	34	Naples	s 20	68
Bermuda*	f 18	64	Hong Kong	f 25	70	New Delhi	s 36	97
Biarritz	c 13	55	Innsbruck	s 13	55	New York		
Bordeaux	c 7	45	Istanbul	s 17	63	Nice	s 18	64
Brussels	c 7	45	Jersey	s 10	50	Oslo	f 7	45
Budapest	f 12	54	Jo'burg*	s 20	68	Paris	s 14	57
Buen Aires*	f 22	72	Karachi*	s 34	93	Peking*	c 20	68
Cairo	c 25	77	Las Palmas	c 19	64	Perth	f 29	73
Cape Tn	s 23	73	Lisbon	f 14	57	Prague	r 9	48
C'blanca*	r 14	57	Locarno	s 16	61	Reykjavik	c 6	43
Chicago*	c 14	57	L Angeles*	f 19	66	Rhodes	s 19	66
Colombo*	f 29	84	Luxembg	f 10	50	Riyadh	s 32	90
Ch'church*	f 15	59	Madrid			Rio de Jan	s 23	73
Rome	s 20	68						
Salzburg	s 13	55						
Sao Paulo*	f 24	75						
S Francisco*	s 16	61						
Santiago*	s 23	73						
Seoul	c 22	72						
Singapore								
Stockholm	f 4	39						
Strasbourg	s 13	55						
Sydney*	r 15	59						
Tangier	th 11	52						
Tel Aviv	c 21	70						
Tenerife*	c 19	66						
Tokyo	s 20	68						
Toronto*	s 20	68						
Tunis	s 21	70						
Valencia*	f 15	59						
Vancouver*	f 8	46						
Venice	s 13	55						
Vienna	s 12	54						
Warsaw	c 6	43						
Washington*	c 18	64						
Wellington*	c 16	61						
Zurich	s 11	52						

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

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